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Do new dorms threaten "small college with big heart?"

By Elicia Mailhot
Castleton Spartan

Castleton State College's plans to expand campus, including building a new dorm and pavilion, are causing some mixed feelings among students across campus.

As part of "Project 2012," officials plan to construct a new dorm capable of housing 150-students, an open air pavilion, and new tennis courts. The dorm is expected to be ready for student occupancy by fall 2012. The estimated cost is \$10.6 million.

"I honestly didn't know that they were building anything," responded junior Marisse Lorenz, a resident in Wheeler Hall, when asked about the plans. "I don't think it's a good idea. I came here because it's a small school."

Many students have similar worries. Samantha Ralph, also a junior residing in Wheeler, wonders what this means for Castleton's future. When asked what would be more beneficial to current students rather than focusing on future students, Ralph

said, "We need bigger classrooms. I don't feel comfortable sometimes. There's no room and it gets really irritating."

Sophomore Kayla Ashton agrees.

"There's just too many people here. We can't call ourselves 'the small school with the big heart' when we're rapidly expanding. We're not a small school anymore," she said.

But that doesn't mean Ashton is opposed to the new dorms. She sees the positive aspects of them too.

"I feel really bad for the people living in triples and quads," she said.

Her roommate, sophomore Sarah Carpenter, removed her headphones and loudly jumped into the conversation.

"Quads? What about the people living in the (expletive) hotel?" she said.

But not everyone is against the project.

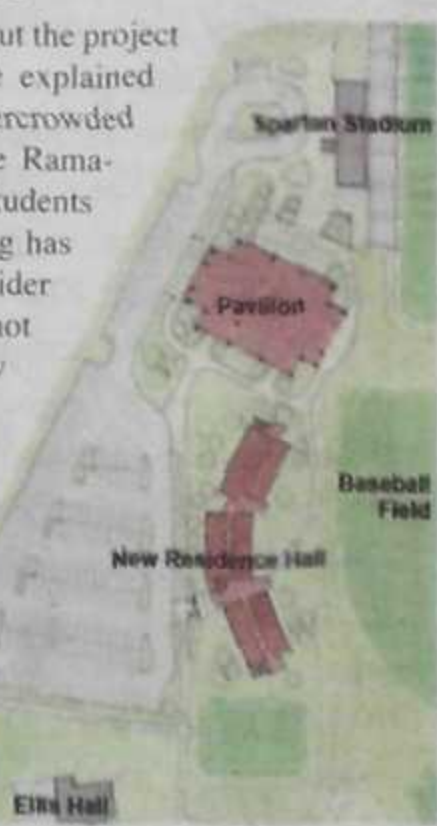
Nick Whitney, a freshman, sees the buildings as being beneficial to everyone on campus, both current and prospective students.

"It's cool because more people can join the Castleton community," he said.

Another person excited about the project is President David Wolk. He explained how a long waitlist, overcrowded rooms, housing people in the Ramada hotel, and even turning students away from on-campus housing has caused the college to consider expanding. But that does not necessarily mean that the new buildings will mean growth to the student body in terms of enrollment, he said.

"A few years back we met and decided that we would have an enrollment cap of 2,000 full-time undergraduate students. The overall

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Students charged for marijuana possession

By Megan Harris
Castleton Spartan

Two students from Adams Hall were discovered to have a total two pounds of marijuana on Sept. 17 after a community advisor discovered them smoking in their shared dorm suite.

Another involved student is not being named or charged.

The two charged, Luke Thompson, 18, of Cavendish, and Colin Hughes, 18, of South Salem, N.Y. are not only facing criminal charges in the Rutland District Court, but the possibility of not being allowed back to Castleton State College.

"...I've never seen that much confiscated in one intervention in my 20-plus years as a college faculty member — here or elsewhere."

-Dennis Proulx

According to the Rutland Herald, both pleaded not guilty at a hearing on Sept. 17.

"All three are going through a hearing with us and are currently banned from campus," says Dean of students Proulx in an interview last week. "That amount, it's just not indicative of personal use ... I've never seen that much confiscated in one intervention in my 20-plus years as a college faculty member — here or elsewhere."

Local and state police were involved in the arrest.

Castleton Police Chief Bruce Sherwin also seemed surprised, although not overly, by the amount of marijuana found.

"We've seen this amount in the town before, but for an on-campus incident, it's pretty significant," he said in a Sept. 23 interview.

The Rutland Herald reports that police statements verify the marijuana that allegedly belonged to Hughes weighed just over a pound and that the marijuana allegedly possessed by Thompson amounted to almost 1.2 pounds.

If convicted, the pair faces a maximum penalty of five years in jail. Thompson was unavailable for comment and Hughes declined to comment when reached.

Where were you on 9/11?

By Ali Flewelling

Castleton Spartan Contributor

On Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001, American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into the World Trade Center's North Tower at 8:46 a.m.

As a thick cloud of smoke masked the Manhattan sky, Brenden Beer was in South Windsor, Conn.

"I was in middle school health class," said Beer, now a sophomore at Castleton. Twelve-year-old Beer knew that it wasn't a typical school day.

"I knew it was important, but I didn't understand the implications at the time," Beer said.

He and his classmates were able to watch what was happening on the television before being sent home early from school.

"It was surreal to watch because it was actually happening," Beer said.

Keth Haley, a Castleton sophomore, took a moment to think about what he was doing that day.

"I was young so it's hard for me to remember everything," Haley said.

He was also at school watching the attacks on television.

"They were constantly showing video of the twin towers smoking, replaying

it over and over," he said. "It still hasn't hit me."

During an interview, psychology professor Terry Bergen was one building away from where he first heard of the attacks.

As he briskly walks the halls of the Stafford building in a brown leather

coat and a Castleton baseball cap, he recalls what happened without delay.

"I was teaching my Research Methods course in Jeffords South, room 213," Bergen said. "A grad student named Christina came to the door and said 'a plane just flew into the World Trade Center.'"

Bergen suggested to his students that they finish class, but they were "horrified" by his response.

"The students were upset and wanted to go turn on TVs and watch the news, so I let them go," Bergen said.

When United Airlines Flight 175 hit the South Tower at 9:03 a.m., Ashley Haggerty, a faculty assistant at Castleton, was working at the corporate office of Papa Gino's and D'Angelo's in Denham, Mass.

She was still unaware of what was happening 212 miles away.

"A co-worker that was running late walked into work and said 'has anyone seen the planes hit the buildings,'" Haggerty said. "After that we all went into the president's office to watch it on TV."

She also called her brother, who travels regularly, to make sure that he was okay.

Sitting at her desk nine years later, Haggerty said "it seems like just yesterday."

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Refund checks and profound happiness

By Anthony Simms

Castleton Spartan Contributor

Refund checks are a time of happiness for all students receiving them. But for the woman processing them, it's a little tougher than just cashing a check.

"I'm gettin a big one ... like 8 G's."

-Robert Burge

Betty Moyer dealt with every one of the 600-700 refund

checks handed out on Sept. 18. Almost all of the \$800,000 to be handed out was from loans students took out that exceeded their tuition expenses.

"It's all money they have to pay back," she said, before whispering, "which is kinda scary."

Although her job can be stressful at times, she said she does find delight in her work.

"I always wanted to deliver flowers because I like the reactions I get when people get them. It's sort of the same thing with these checks"

Moyer said.

Bobby Burge was a happy yet unsurprised senior as he waited for a check. Anxious to get his money, Burge was the first in line to receive the first check of the first round of refunds. He is living off campus and three months behind on his rent. Burge, also in need of a new computer and some excess money for beer and fun stuff, maxed out his loans his last year.

"I'm gettin a big one ... like 8 G's," said Burge.

His satisfied grin when he

received his \$7,900 check said it all.

But not everyone was as lucky as Burge.

Chris Kiernan and Will Barnett ran into some trouble with their check gathering trip to Woodruff Hall. Kiernan said he needed his refund check to buy a book for history and get a meal plan so he could stop starving himself. He estimated a \$400 check and when he got to the front of the line they presented him with a "sorry we don't have a check for you."

"I don't know what I'mma do for my class," said Kiernan.

Barnett, also presented with a problem, received a check for \$600, which was \$3,200 shy of what was expected.

The refund checks will continue to be dispersed weekly to those who may have gotten late financial aid paperwork in. And although Barnett got much less than he expected, things ended well for him.

"Good news though, the rest will be in soon. I'm pretty pumped about that," he said.

McLovin' just wrote me a parking ticket!

By Aaron Zrenda

Castleton Spartan

Students at Castleton State College have their very own single-name character, named after a not-so-flattering movie character.

Public safety officer Bradley Adair. The now 7-year veteran, got his nickname not for his good deeds, but rather from frustration by the Castleton student body.

He's "McLovin'" and he's ok with that.

You see Adair, who is amused by his nickname, has a rough job because people constantly hassle him. It is

not his choice to walk around issuing parking tickets at a rate of 20 to 40 a day four days a week, but rules need to be followed.

His job, he said, is to keep the student body safe and to maintain order on campus.

"The school does not tell him to write a certain amount (of tickets) or even write any at all," said Bob Godlewski, the head of Public Safety.

The student body's take on the situation is rather different, though.

At \$20 a ticket, students say the college must be cleaning up.

"The ticket Nazi is out to get us. He just writes tickets so more money

gets brought in for the Public Safety office," said Castleton student Dave Razcka.

This is a big misconception, Adair said.

"The money from the tickets goes straight to a general fund for the school to use in all areas. We even buy the books of tickets ourselves and receive none of the money we obtain through the violations," Adair said.

So what happens to the general fund then?

Have the student parking tickets helped build the new football facility? Or pay for power in the dorms? Or does it pay for landscaping?

"The fund is not very large nor is it a source of revenue. The money gathered from parking tickets is used for the costs of running the college. It pays for things like the damage from parking on the grass," said Bill Allen, dean of administration.

So what's wrong with that, right?

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CSC graduate finds himself giving tests in Afghanistan

By Batu McEslin
Castleton Spartan Contributor

Hello CSC,

Almost two years have passed since I was student reading a new edition of the Spartan and never in million years could I have guessed where I'd end up. I currently work for the Army Education Center as a test examiner. It is a pretty straightforward job, really no different than any other job I've had. The only difference is, this job is located in Afghanistan.

I work on fairly large base near the border of Pakistan in the Afghan Province of Khost. My office is located right next to the flight line so I have the joy of proctoring exams as Black Hawk and Apache helicopters constantly take off and land.

My office also has a tiny little classroom with two computers and six desks as well as a gun rack. The gun rack is never really used though. My "students" prefer to keep their assault rifles by their sides, "just in case."

Attacks have become frequent too. Overlooking the base are mountains and in those mountains are men who want you dead. It's very disconcerting when you think about it, so the only solution is to not. Of course this not so easy when you walk to the bathroom and a rocket whistles over your head.

Immediately the speaker system is activated, "Incoming, incoming" followed by, "Get in your bunkers." Believe it or not, you get used to it. After the speakers announce, "All clear" people leave whatever building they are in, chain smoke about four cigarettes, and thank God to still be alive.

What always amazes me are the little things. For example, at night there are no lights aloud outside. Complete darkness. You must use a flashlight with a colored bulb. Never have I experienced true darkness of that nature. It really makes one appreciate the moon.

I have also come to appreciate the animal food chain. Afghanistan has a very wild terrain and within this terrain are some very deadly critters. There are over four different types of poisonous snakes that have been found on the base, -- one of which, the base hospital doesn't have the anti-venom for.

Anyway, the snakes are here to eat the mice, which are literally everywhere. Luckily for me, next to my office is a giant shipping container that has a family of Bengal Monitor lizards. These guys are between 3 to 4 feet in length and they also love eating snakes. So I don't need to worry about snakes for the time being.

As I prepare to say my farewell, the sound of giant howitzer guns can be heard outside and felt inside. Each bang vibrates the building worse than an earthquake. All in all it doesn't even faze me anymore, as long as it keeps the bad guys away.



Facebooking professors, they're people too

By Nik Minarik
Castleton Spartan

The rapid technological advancement in the last 10 to 15 years has produced a myriad of new issues, mostly involving media "piracy."

One such controversial (but mostly unnoticed) aspect of the new era of the internet involves the dominant social networking site Facebook, and more importantly the boundaries of students and professors on the site, which was covered in a recent Spartan article.

We decided to explore students' opinions on being Facebook friends with their professors.

There are some students that don't even see the "issue" of being friends with professors on Facebook as an issue at all. Sophomore Zack Racenet said "if teachers want to have actual interpersonal relationships with their students,

power to them."

He goes on to say that the only real issue with professors on Facebook is when they try to use the site for educational purposes. "That's an unnecessary waste of technology," Racenet said.

But some disagree.

Paolo Audino, a freshman at Castleton, doesn't think he would accept a friend request from a professor.

"I don't want them to judge me based on my profile or comments. I'd rather be judged in and out of the classroom based on what they see about me in person," he said.

Some teachers even have ill-feelings about friending their students.

"It could be deemed inappropriate having teachers know everything you

put on facebook," said professor Emma Lamson.

Facebook is a social networking site. Everything posted on anyone's page is on the Internet, which means anyone has access to it, unless a profile has ramped-up security on it (which most

currently don't). If there's something inappropriate on a student's page, why would it be any worse for a teacher to see it than another friend or parent?

Professors are people. Why should their position as an educator take away the right

to have a Facebook and "friend" students if they want to? The college community is comprised almost entirely of adults, and we should act that way. We can all make our own choices to accept friend requests and monitor what we post on our profiles or not. It's as simple as that.

Sounding Off

In the past two weeks, we have been privileged to have a number of diverse, educational and entertaining Soundings events. Below is a sampling of student comments:

EVENTS
HAPPENING
SOON

New Muslim Cool

After seeing New Muslim Cool, I realize that you can be anything in America. This man, Jason, was a druggie on the streets. He wanted to change to become a Muslim and religious. He was accepted by the culture and his family when he changed his lifestyle. This doesn't change my definition [of being an American], it just adds to why I am proud to be an American.

Michaela Harrington

This movie changed my views of what it means to be an American a lot. I have lived in a small suburban town in Vermont my whole life. The town where I live has very little diversity in it. This film has taught me that Americans are more than people trying to get jobs and make money. I realized that being an American is to help other people achieve their dreams and teach them the struggles that they will go through if they go down the wrong path.

Ian Mason

Stephen Kiernan: Authentic Patriotism

Over the summers of 2006 and 2007 I was able to take two mission trips down to New Orleans, Louisiana. I went with a large group of mostly kids to help with the rebuilding after hurricane Katrina. Even when we first arrived, we were astonished at the lasting devastation, even four or five years later. Like Stephen Kiernan said, working in a group for the greater good did make me feel better about myself, it even improved my social life.

George Grant

Every year in my hometown, I would assist in a Veteran's Day Shop. Homeless people, mainly veterans, flock to the Elks Club and we would provide warm clothing, doctor check-ups, dentists, and a warm meal. My entire family served in the military and it was rewarding to help those who served with them.

Dominic Heller

Thursday, September 30th– Sunday, October 3rd
Sept. 30– Oct. 2, 8:00 p.m.

Oct. 3, 2:00 p.m.

Casella Theater, Fine Arts Center, Ticket Required

Castleton Theatre Arts

Department presents Picnic

Labor Day weekend in small town Kansas brings the arrival of charismatic young drifter, Hal Carter, who shakes up the bored and lonely lives of several local women. Written by William Inge. Directed by Steven Small.

Monday, October 4th, 7:30 p.m.

Casella Theater, Fine Arts Center, Ticket Required

Vermont Symphony Orchestra

The Vermont Symphony Orchestra's 2010 Made in Vermont Music Festival, conducted by Anthony Principiotti, features VSO's "All Stars" lineup, including principal French horn Shelagh Abate soloing in Rachmaninoff's luscious Vocalise and harpist Heidi Soons playing Handel's spirited Harp Concerto. A world premiere commission from Vermont composer Don Jamison and Mozart's Symphony No. 29 offer glory moments for all!

Thursday, October 7th, 7:00 p.m.

Casella Theater, Fine Arts Center, Ticket Required

Cashore Marionettes

In Life in Motion and Simple Gifts, Joseph Cashore presents his collection of marionette masterworks, including a series of scenes taken from everyday life and set to beautiful music by composers such as Beethoven, Vivaldi, Strauss, and Copland. Through a combination of virtuoso manipulation, humor, pathos, classic music, and poetic insight, The Cashore Marionettes take audiences on a journey that celebrates the richness of life.

Wednesday, October 20th, 7:00 p.m.

Casella Theater, Fine Arts Center, Ticket Required

Debate on Nuclear Energy

Do you believe that nuclear power is a safe, low cost, high generator alternative energy that we should continue to invest in? Or that the risks of nuclear waste, accidents, and potential terrorism far outweigh the benefits? Even if your position is neutral, the debate between Tyson Slocum of Public Citizen and Howard Shaffer III of the American Nuclear Society will expand your understanding of nuclear power, both locally and globally.

Check the Soundings Blackboard site for descriptions of other forthcoming events, grades, requirements, professor contacts, and more. Remember that most events require a ticket: plan ahead!

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Tailgating, a pre-game necessity

By Kayla Mumford

Castleton Spartan Contributor

Castleton Spartan fans were tipping back Bud Light and snacking on brownies in one section of the parking lot and enjoying mixed drinks and hotdogs across the way on a beautiful September afternoon.

For Rob McClallen, a good friend of our college president, tailgating before the game is extremely important to the football experience.

"The best part of the game is tailgating," McClallen said.

Knowing someone on the team was the reason for his group attending the game, although they all said that they would come and tailgate at the game anyway for the experience, which always includes a high spirited musical pick-me-up by the Castleton marching band.

"The band is a lot of fun. They add a lot to it," said McClallen.

Throughout the parking lot outside the stadium, tables were set up with ketchup, mustard, relish and lots of napkin scattered around. Cookies, brownies and piles of chips and dip dotted every table surface under big tents that covered people who screamed with Castleton Spartan spirit.

Then there were the smells.

The scent of grilled hotdogs, hamburgers and sausage and peppers filled the air.

Whether it's the game itself or other reasons to tailgate, Alex Marcell loves to come back to the old stomping grounds as an alum.

"It is great to come back and see old friends," said Marcell.

So what does it take to be a good tailgater?

"Lots of food and a full cooler," said Amy Coloutin, an amateur tailgater looking to go pro in the upcoming season.

It was also advised to bring more food than you are going to need, so you can invite others to join; a great way to meet new people.

To Tom Witham, a local, tailgating is a learned skill. Learning how to keep the cold food cold and the hot food hot and maximizing parking so there's plenty of space for all to join is key.

For Coloutin, there's little not to like about the tailgate experience.

"Everyone has their own opinions on what they like and what will work, but just being here and enjoying the great weather and the people is all that is important," she said.

Even if you don't enjoy the game of football, you can enjoy tailgating.

And everyone agreed with McClallen about what is needed for a successful tailgate party and a great time.

"Friends, lots of good food, and beer," he said.



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Spartan fans enjoy some barbeque and beer before the big game.

Vehicle damage, tree fire, & arson Oh, My!

By Megan Harris

Castleton Spartan

In only the first three weeks of September, the Castleton State College Public Safety Department has recorded more than over half a dozen cases of vandalism. The incidents range from petty vehicular damages to more drastic events like a small tree fire on Sept. 6.

"We generally don't have a lot of vandalism on campus," says Dean of Students Dennis Proulx. "Most of the time, vandalism is not an issue for the majority of kids. Most find it unnecessarily damaging to the community."

The first of this trend was a tree fire on the sixth, which Proulx said is a relatively big issue considering the safety risks it poses not just of starting a forest fire, but the safety of students and community members too. Luckily, it was reported by students in time to prevent any calamity, he said.

The second incident was reportedly an "arson," though perhaps a bit overstated, according to Proulx.

"In truth, it was just a 8.5-by-11 poster that someone lit the corner of. We have to call it something, so we classify it as arson," he said.

Other occurrences include a side mirror of a car being broken, the Coffee Cottage and Jeffords buildings being egged, the front door handle of Adams Hall being snapped off and a broken chain and post in between Hudon and Adams.

"We don't want to classify every occurrence of 'damage' as vandalism. I can see how people having 'fun' can often damage things. I don't necessarily condone it, but we also don't want to make assumptions that every little 'damage' is a violent act against our campus," Proulx said.

"Other colleges have 'damage deposits' at the start of the year, assuming damages will occur. We don't do that here and we don't want to. We try to find the individuals who are responsible so that people can be held personally accountable," Proulx said.

Last year, the college billed individuals for damages up to a total of \$7,850. The year before, the college billed \$9,860.

So far, those responsible for the recent vandalism have not been identified or billed.

CSC Public Safety Blotter

September 2010

Date	Incident	Location
9/3/10	Medical Assistance/ Intoxicated Male	Castleton Hall
9/3/10	Intoxicated Student	FAC/ South Street
9/4/10	NAT/ Underage Intoxication /Possession of Marijuana	Observatory Lot
9/4/10	Medical Assistance	Haskell Hall
9/4/10	Medical Assistance	Library Lot
9/4/10	Failure to Comply	Ellis Lot
9/4/10	Alarm Issue	South House
9/5/10	Underage Alcohol	Audet House
9/5/10	Hazardous Spill	Physical Plant /Stadium
9/5/10	22 cal. Bullet Found	Ladies Room Stadium
9/5/10	Medical Assistance	Haskell Hall
9/6/10	Tree Fire	Trail behind athletic fields
9/6/10	Sexual Misconduct	Rail Trail
9/7/10	Vehicle Accident	Jeffords Lot
9/9/10	Vandalism	Adams Hall
9/9/10	Vandalism	Castleton Hall
9/10/10	Theft	Outside of Shape Gym
9/11/10	Vandalism	Jeffords and Coffee Cottage
9/11/10	Vehicle Accident	Lynch Lot
9/11/10	Disrespect	Lower Gym Lot
9/13/10	Medical Assistance	Jeffords Auditorium
9/13/10	Vehicle Accident	Jeffords Lot
9/13/10	Harassment	Jeffords Lot
9/14/10	Possible Theft	Ellis Hall
9/15/10	Vehicle Accident	Library Lot
9/15/10	Vandalism	Observatory Lot
9/16/10	Medical Assistance	Ellis Hall
9/16/10	Vehicle Vandalism	Jeffords Lot
9/16/10	Stolen Property	Audet House
9/17/10	Narcotics Possession/ Sale	Adams Hall
9/17/10	Possible Vandalism	Ten yard line football field
9/18/10	NAT / Non-Student	Lynch Lot
9/18/10	Vandalism	between Hudon and Adams
9/18/10	Arson /Vandalism	Morrill Hall
9/18/10	Medical Assistance	Ellis Hall
9/18/10	NAT -Trespass	South Street
9/20/10	Theft	Leavenworth
9/20/10	Vehicle Damage	Library Lot
9/20/10	Medical Assistance	Ellis Lot



Melissa Pope

CSC May grad becomes sports writer in Va.

By Kelsey LaPoint

Castleton Spartan

As every college senior knows, the end is near. No, not death - it is something we like to call "the real world." For many students, this "real world" is quickly approaching and some look to alumni, who have ventured out to this final frontier, for inspiration.

Melissa Pope is one of these alumni who kindly sat down for a Skype interview in the midst of a very busy "real world" life.

Pope stayed in Castleton for the summer after graduating in May with a degree in communication. Initially, she had a summer job working with kids with autism. When it came to the "real world," however, Pope didn't quite know how to proceed.

"I had no idea what I wanted to do and I was kind of scared to go out in the real world. So, I stayed in Castleton, but then I was thinking: holy crap! I graduated and everyone else is going back to school. I don't want to be that girl that's graduated and stays here forever!"

After her post-college crisis, Pope called her sister at the University of Virginia. Almost on a whim, Pope asked if she could move down and live with her. She said ok, and it was off to Virginia.

Then came the job hunt.

At first, she didn't have much luck.

"One thing that was hard when I moved down here...and this is going to sound cocky...but getting what I wanted. I'm Melissa Pope. People know me! Not to sound cocky, but everyone in Castleton knew who I was and I didn't have to try very hard because I knew everyone pretty well. When I first came down here and I didn't hear back from people immediately about jobs or interviews, I was surprised. In the real world it doesn't matter if you're Melissa Pope, it matters what you do and how you do it."

Not finding much luck with local papers,

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Fresh Perspectives



Bridgit Erin Connors

Some days I feel I'm finally growing up, while others I'm grasping to the memories of my high school days. I never told my high school friends all of the cliché promises that are often broken. Those promises of "but we'll talk every week," or "email me everyday." Maybe I've been too busy to take time to reconnect with them. Truth is that I feel bad because I have been making so many friends up here that I feel I have almost neglected those who walked the halls of my old high school.

My days here have been spent lying in the last bit of warming sunshine with and frequently sitting around the cancer hut with my new friends, even though I do not smoke. Lately the hill in front of Ellis hall has been the place to chill. Just the other day I was hanging with Shea, Eric, Ian, Jen, Julie and Chris, whose number is available on demand. We all laid in the sunshine on what seems to be one of the last days of warm weather before the impending cold that Vermont winters tend to bring. We laughed and listened to some Bob Dylan. As he bellowed the tune "Times they are A-Changeing," one of my favorite songs of his, I thought to myself that there was no truer words to me at that moment.

Everything has changed, and I believe that I have too. Rather, I have not changed but adapted. Even if I am adapting, though, I can't soon forget my old high school friends. I looked around at my friends here and thought, "I wonder who they were in high school, who they left behind and what they carried with them." We are no longer the immature students with a naive outlook on the world, flying under the radar of a parental influence. We are growing, and we are changing. We are at a crucial point in our lives where we need to be who we always wanted to be.

Since I've been here, I have felt freer. I have felt more at ease with who I am and I am not as influenced by who my peers expect me to be. In a way I have not changed, but I am getting to know myself a whole lot better right now.

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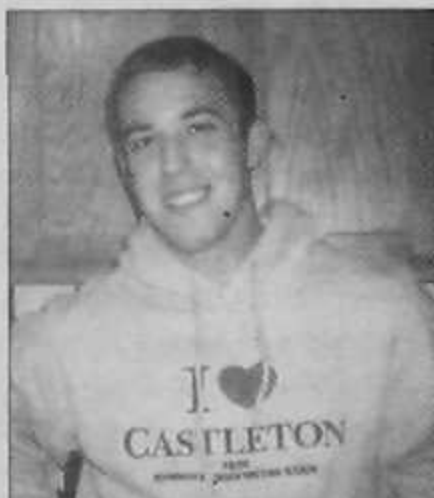
Jill Bassett

Question: Best spot on campus to hang out and why?



Marc Calise

"I'd rather hang out at my place, cause the fire is always burning."



Mike Callahan

"Fireside because it's better than huden."



Mia Jean

"The Gazebo because it's a cool place to meet people."



Pete Ginter

"Across the bridge in the woods."



Adrienne Bushey

"I don't like hanging out at school."



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Old Man Gloom. Forty-Foot of Flammable material at the Zozobra yearly event in Santa Fe.



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Cliff Palace, the largest of the Mesa Verde ancient structures, boasts its sizeable appearance to the Castleton Students on a guided tour.



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The Castleton Semester in Santa Fe Tour on Petroglyph Trail in Mesa Verde National Park, CO.

Fire and water in the west

In a two week period, students face the extremes of the Southwest and still come back for more.

By Wanderin' Wyatt Aloisio
Castleton Spartan

A ripple of energy was building within the crowd like that of static electricity. On this warm September evening, residents of the greater whole of Santa Fe and the surrounding area had packed themselves onto an athletic field in the northern part of the city to witness a yearly tradition. Of the thousands of people present, perhaps the ones in most awe were the 18 Castleton State College southwest pioneers.

Zozobra is an annual tradition for the great city of Santa Fe in which they celebrate the passage of summer to fall with the burning of old man gloom, a forty-foot tall paper giant loaded to the brim with fireworks.

"Everyone in the city comes here to jam out to good live music and to just have a good time and celebrate" said student Rain Nissen-Reilly. "Tom Petty cover bands and fire dancers who light 40-foot paper giants on fire would be pretty entertaining to most people I would think. It certainly was for me!"

The event also marked the beginning of *Fiesta de la Santa Fe*, a weekend long festival in which vendors, artists, street musicians, and food purveyors of all sorts gather within the central plaza to celebrate their heritage.

This would also be the last full week in which the Castleton semester in Santa Fe group would remain in the city before embarking on two incredible anthropological expeditions.

Chaco Canyon, the first, is located in the middle of an arid, extremely hot desert 12 miles down a stretch of bumpy dirt road off the main highway and houses some of the oldest and most perplexing Native American ruins in the Southwest.

Braving the long, blistering four days in the Canyon, students successfully learned about the culture of the site by moving from ruin to ruin and bonded further through comfortable nights in their campground.

"There were a few days where your motivation was just to get more water," student and videographer Nathan Dunn said. "But having gone there, we got to experience something that only a handful of people get to see, and that makes me grateful to be here with this group of awesome people."

The next trip, to Mesa Verde, offered an atmosphere quite the opposite. Located atop a vast Colorado plateau further north, the group would this time be climbing 15-foot tall ladders along precarious cliff faces to reach ruins embedded high above canyon floors.

Although the second day brought heavy rains, fog, and a late night thunderstorm that destroyed almost half of the group's site, both students and professors alike remained stalwart against seemingly unyielding odds.

"We've already gotten to see and do so many things in the course of just four weeks here" says student Zachary Richards. "Why the hell would a little rain stop us from doing what we're good at?"

In the upcoming weeks the Santa Fe students will have more challenges to come with three more outings in the works, including a potential visit to the Grand Canyon.

Syrian professor introduces Middle Eastern culture to CSC

By Maria Arnot
Castleton Spartan

Imagine growing up in a big city, constantly surrounded by bright lights, noise and people and always having a plethora of things to do.

Take a city like Damascus for example, which is the capital and largest city in Syria, with a population of more than 1.5 million. And after say, about 25 years of this lifestyle, imagine being selected to move your whole life to an existence that is the complete opposite, in Castleton, Vt. -- population just over 4,000.

For Rasha Arabi, a new assistant professor at Castleton, this life change was the only option for her to pursue her dreams and follow her passion.

Arabi, after traveling the 15-hour plus flight from Syria to the United States for the first time ever, has now been here for just over month.

"It was definitely a culture shock," said Arabi. "I had looked Castleton on a map, but I was definitely expecting a big city, or expecting something very different," she said.

After graduating as an English major in Syria, Arabi held a position in Damascus teaching Arab people English, but decided to pursue her passion of international culture in the states after receiving a scholarship through Fulbright Language Teaching Assistant, which contracts her at Castleton until 2011.

"At first it was hard walking down here. I was sad, angry, I lost ground. There are always people wherever you go [in Syria.] On the weekend, I definitely miss my own voice. Anytime I see a student I say hi to them," said Arabi with a laugh. "But at the same time, I love it here. I am really doing some reflection on my life."

Arabi is currently teaching one section of Arabic 101 at Castleton. The class not only deals with the Arabic language, but the Arab culture. Arabi has made it her objective to tackle some of the many misconceptions our media portrays about the Middle East.

"I love telling people about my cul-

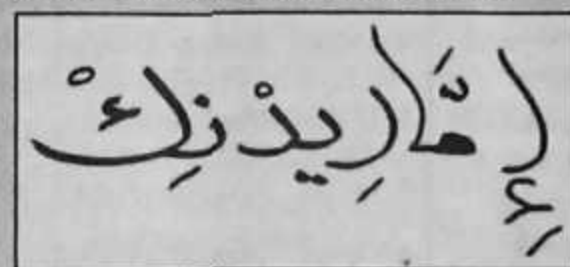
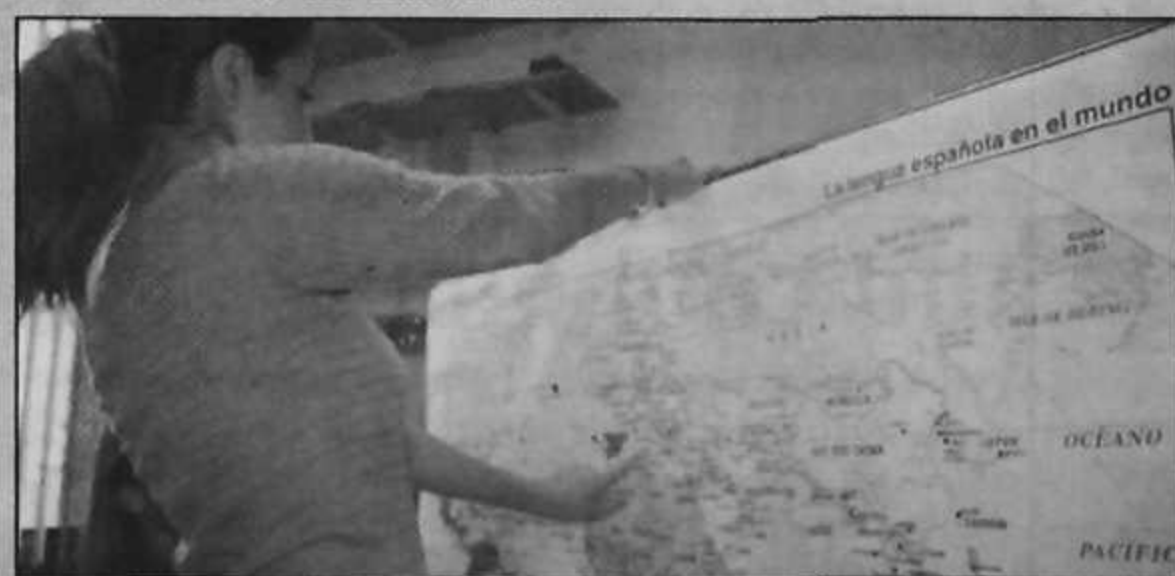
ture, people do care, and they want to know," she said. "[My passion] has come from the way my part of the world has been represented. I have the tools, and I have the language.

"It's just not fair, to judge a whole culture, a society, a massive piece of land, based on the thoughts of a few people. It's just so not fair," she said.

The class has about 13 students in one section, although Arabic 102 and 103 are still prospective for next semester.

"From the very first day, Rasha has taught us a whole bunch of stuff that I never knew about the Arab countries and she did that by having us play a game the first day about what we thought the culture and people of those countries were," said sophomore Melissa Orr. "I am a lot more interested in the Middle East then I was because I've already learned so much about it and we aren't even half way through the semester yet. Rasha makes it really fun and interesting, I love the class, and I'm hoping that she continues to teach at the school," she said.

Although it is now too late to join Arabic 101 for the fall semester, there

EMMA RUDNICK / CASTLETON SPARTAN
Rasha Arabi in her new office.EMMA RUDNICK / CASTLETON SPARTAN
Arabi writes some Arabic figures.EMMA RUDNICK / CASTLETON SPARTAN
Rasha Arabi points to Syria on a map in her office far away from home.

are other options for Castleton students to get involved and learn more about Middle Eastern culture, Arabi encourages them to check out the International Club, and plans to start the Arabic Coffee Table Club. The option of taking Arabic 101 will also be available during the spring semester.

"I had an original interest in the Middle Eastern world before this class, but this has just spiked my interest even more," said sophomore Gabrielle Brooks. "I have no regrets for taking this class. I absolutely love it and look forward to going every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday!" she said.

SGA hopes to erect new electronic sign

By Megan Harris
Castleton Spartan

As the semester begins, so do the prospects of moving the Castleton campus forward. The Student Government Association is hard at work tackling new tasks this year and one of their current projects involves a new electronic screen sign outside Woodruff Hall. The screen will be fitted with the Castleton colored trim so commonly seen around campus.

"The current sign is starting to fall apart and it's about time for it to be replaced," said SGA President Justin Garritt.

Although the SGA has only just begun the initial stages of this project, the idea has been submitted to President Wolk for approval.

"The current sign is starting to fall apart and it's about time for it to be replaced."

-Justin Garritt

The proposal has also been put into the hands of Bob Joy, who is one of the school's architects from JMZ Architects.

"Once they give a quote, the SGA will discuss whether this is something we would like to invest in. So far, the SGA members have all expressed great interest in this project as it

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Valerie Custer at Fireside

By Megan Davis
Castleton Spartan

The lights were dim in Fireside as people shuffled in and out. The noise of people chatting, ordering food and cooking went on in Fireside. However, above all of that, the sounds of a guitar could be heard playing, accompanied by a voice.

It was the voice of Valerie Custer who performed on Sept. 15, 2010. She played many covers and even a few of her original songs.

"This song makes me sound uber creepy. I'd just like to preface it with that," Custer said before playing her original song 'Stranger,' a song about a stalker. "That's what my brothers call it anyway. It's based somewhat on true events. Part of it is reality, and part of it is an idea," she said.

Custer's covers came from many different musical artists, ranging from Oasis, to The Postal Service, to Ryan Adams, to Paramore.

"I don't even know why I learned this song. I don't know why I feel so compelled to play it. This is stupid, but I'm gonna play it anyway, so deal with it," Custer said before playing Paramore's 'The Only Exception.'

"I'm not trying to knock them. I guess it's just cause it's the 'cool song'

right now, and I'm not trying to be cool," she said.

Rather than trying to play music to please the crowd she's playing for, Custer plays more for herself. She plays songs that she's liked for quite some time, and that she thinks will "transcend for generations to come."

"She's excellent. She has an eclectic taste in music. She doesn't just play new stuff, and I like it," Brooke Suprenant, a super senior at Castleton said.

"She had a really good voice, and chose a great group of songs. Hurt by Johnny Cash is one of my favorite songs," Kelsey Robbins, a sophomore said.

Custer played for about an hour and a half. Despite the fact that there was scattered applause, she smiled every time a song was over while she decided what she was going to play next.

"I don't rehearse for shows. It just feels so forced, and that's not me. So many people have given me tips on writing set-lists, but I don't like them. What if I'm not feeling that song right now?" Custer said.

"She's really technically good. I've never seen any acoustic guitar player use so many hammer-ons and pull-offs on the fly," Nik Minarik said of Custer's talent.

Valerie Custer from Akron, Ohio



MEGAN DAVIS/ CASTLETON SPARTAN

Valerie Custer performing for her Fireside audience on Sept. 15th.

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-Brooke Suprenant

plays at colleges all across the continent. She hasn't yet officially recorded anything, but she has been writing a lot lately in order to get something out soon, and from the looks of things, it will be worth checking out!

Señior Column



Michael DelDotto

So "Beavis and Butthead" is coming back to MTV. And MTV is going back to music videos I guess. I'm not joking. I read it online so you know it's true. Mike Judge is going to be doing the show again (you may be more familiar with his other animated show, "King of the Hill," which has had some success).

The main premise of "Beavis and Butthead" was the two of them watching music videos and cracking jokes. The music will change obviously but the show will still have the videos, according to the New York Times. So, now I'm thinking, "They're gonna crack Adam Lambert Jokes? Or Lady Gaga?" Either way, I'm excited.

Oh boy, now nostalgia has set in. Remember the '90s? It began with high socks, NIKE Pumps, and purple/neon tank tops. And it ended with baggy pants, eminem, and hummers in the white house. I have to say that it's crazy that all of that stuff is two decades away now.

The '90s definitely had one of the greatest decades in music. It may also have to do with the last decade, the '00s or whatever. That was one of the worst examples of "music" ever. What would Hootie say in '96 if he saw Soulja Boy? Tupac was rolling over in his hammock on whatever secluded island he lived on last decade, one love, Makaveli.

Television also had a bunch of great stuff in the '90s. Seinfeld was making everyone laugh at jerks paving the way for shows like "It's Always Sunny in..." And X-Files was delivering chills every week after "The Simpsons." I miss those. Being a kid and getting to experience the launch of Nickelodeon and "T.G.I.F.s" with my boy Steve Urkel has made me appreciate the decade I grew up in.

Aw man and what about the big movies? "Jerry Maguire"? "You've Got Mail"? "Saving Private Ryan"? "League of their Own"? "Toy Story"? It was more like the Tom Hanks decade now that I think about it. But for me it was all about action with the "Ninja Turtles", a hundred Segal and Van Damme films and of course Chuck Norris movies. And just when I thought Harrison Ford couldn't get any cooler after playing Han Solo and Indiana Jones, he kicked it up a notch as Jack Ryan in the Tom Clancy films.

Thanks MTV and Mike Judge. Your two joke-cracking slackers have triggered my memories of a great decade of pop-culture and let me retrace some childhood footprints. Well, maybe they're more like great couch imprints. I think I'm going to go make a '90s playlist on my iTunes and see if Xbox Marketplace has any episodes of "Doug" on it.

Movie Review: Letters to Juliet

By Allison Clark
Castleton Spartan

Sophie, played by Amanda Seyfried (Dear John, Jennifer's Body and Mama Mia!), is on a pre-honeymoon vacation in Verona, Italy when she stumbles upon a courtyard of weeping women leaving letters to Juliet, the fictional Shakespearean character. Her journalistic curiosity propels her to look into the story of broken-hearted women who leaves the letters. Her investigation takes her to a group of old Italian women, the secretaries of Juliet, who take her in and let her answer letters with them.

In one case, a letter written fifty years ago was wedged between bricks, unfound for half a century. Sophie finds it, though, and decides to respond to the letter which asked Juliet if she should run away with her true love or listen to her parents. Sophie's response sparks a trip across Italy in search of the man a 60-year-old woman loved fifty years ago.

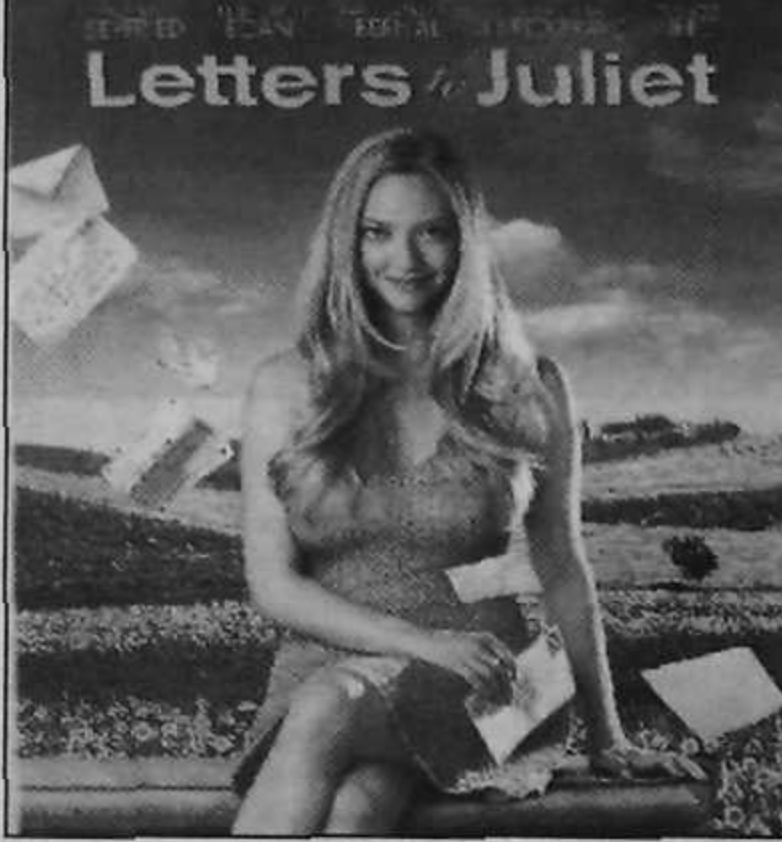
The film is directed by Garry Winick who also directed "Bride Wars," "Lipstick Jungle," and "13 going on 30."

This movie is sweet and funny and a total chick flick. It's cheesy and tries a little too hard in some places, but overall it is romantic and charming.

It's important, though, to make a note that this review comes from a devoted fan of cheesy chick flicks. For the rest of the general population:

Men: Disregard this review; you do not want to see this movie.

Women: If you liked Leap Year and When in Rome you will love "Letters to Juliet."



Music Review: Weezer

By Megan Davis
Castleton Spartan

Weezer came out with its new album, Hurley, on Sept. 14, 2010. Throughout the member's 18 years together as a band, they've gone through many phases with each album they've put out. This album, though, seems to stick to the same sound that they started in their album Raditude. One of the things that is consistent throughout the albums, despite the instrumental changes, is some goofy song lyrics. I'm going to tell you now, this album is very goofy.

One of the goofier songs on the album is "Where's My Sex?" in which Rivers Cuomo sings about sex as if it were a tangible, physical object, like a dog or a ball that's gone missing. Though the lyrics of this song are goofy, the instruments are definitely not. The guitars provide a steady background of harmonies and melodies that complement Cuomo's singing style. When there's about one minute left in the song, the entire landscape of the song changes. It sounds like it could be a completely different song, but the little breakdown only lasts for about 30 seconds before transitioning back into the chorus. It definitely catches you by surprise, but it adds a lot to the uniqueness of the song.

Another song that that is one of the more different songs on the album is Unspoken.

It's one of the softer, slower songs, but it builds. It's not a song that's 'slow' by normal standards, but it is slower for them. Another thing that makes this song interesting is the fact that Cuomo sings in a higher key than he normally does. The song starts off with a quickened acoustic guitar and Cuomo singing. That's how it continues for most of the song, with the occasional wind instrument adding in a goofy little trill. However, it does build. With a little over a minute remaining, Cuomo's voice gradually crescendos, and the soft chords of the acoustic guitar are replaced with the driving power chords of an electric guitar. Then at the end of the song, the guitars fade out, and the woodwind instrument plays a soft ending.

These are only two of the eleven songs on the album, but they're definitely a good preview of what the rest of the album is like—a lot of goofiness. But somehow Weezer still manages to remain true to the sound established in Raditude. This is definitely an album worth giving a listen, whether you like Weezer or not.



Wiz Khalifa plays sold-out show at UVM

By Douglas Phillips
Castleton Spartan Contributor

Wiz Khalifa, one of the hottest hip hop stars to perform at the University of Vermont's Davis Center, played a sold-out show on Sept. 23. The concert charged a general admission \$15. UVM students only had to pay \$7 dollars. Buyers on Craigslist weren't so lucky, though, paying \$50 to \$70 a ticket. Khalifa is viewed as a rising star after being named MTV's Hottest Breakthrough MC of 2010. Making his rise and gaining a loyal fan base in Pittsburgh, P.A., Khalifa is currently on the Waken Baken tour with opening acts Yelawolf, DJ Bonics and his fellow Taylor Gang members. The show show started at 9 p.m. and did not end until midnight.

Several Castleton students attended the concert, including Brittany Baron, a junior. "I thought the show was amazing. Wiz is a great performer because he knows how to connect with his fans and tell it how it is," she said. The performance was wall shaking with song beats from the albums Show and Prove, Deal or No Deal. The performance also featured several singles along with recent mix tapes Star Power, How Fly, Burn after Rolling and Kush and Orange Juice. Wiz is short for wisdom because when he was young he was good at everything he did, and Khalifa is Arabic meaning "successor". With his growing fan base, Khalifa has started a legacy that will last for generations to come, Taylor Gang.



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Wiz Khalifa playing sold-out show at the Davis Center on Sept. 23.

Hot wings and cool music at Rock Band Tournament

By Megan Davis
Castleton Spartan

The crowd is roaring, the band is getting ready to play, and the smell of wings is in the air. It's a great night for a concert. Who is everyone waiting to see?

They're waiting for you playing Rockband!

On Sept. 17, 2010 the women's rugby team held a free Rockband competition and wing night in the 1787 room of the campus center.

"It's a way to get our name out there, give people something to do on a Friday night. And come on, free wings and free swag!" Meg Daly, member of the women's rugby team said.

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-Meg Daly

campus. They support us so we support them. We have a game tomorrow, so it also helps us keep our girls safe before a game," Brooke Suprenant, president of the women's rugby club, said.

There was a sign-up sheet where groups of friends could sign up as a band to compete. The prizes consisted of Castleton merchandise, including a blanket, various shirts, a koozie, two

water bottles and a flag.

"It's great when clubs do this cause they all have their own friends that come out. That way it's not just the same SGA people putting things on. It's a great way to get people to late night stuff," Justin Garritt, president of the SGA, said.

Though the posters advertised Beatles Rockband, unfortunately, the disc was broken. The club wasn't about the cancel the event, though.

Instead they had Rockband 2 as well as Green Day Rockband for the competition. Both of which were a big hit. The entire room sang along to 'My Own Worst Enemy' by LIT, giving it a real concert feel.

"It's a lot of fun. It's good food and good

entertainment," Brian Bashaw said.

There were plenty of kids who were there for Rockband, and plenty of people who were there to support the rugby team. However, there were those few and proud who were there for the other reason.

"I just want the wings to be completely honest. Rockband is fun to watch, but I'm here for the wings," Savanna Certviend said.

At the end of the night, the reigning Rockband champion team was a team of freshmen that had come out to compete. In second place was a team called NBL.

In the eyes of both the women's rugby team and the student body, the night was a huge success.

New dorms threaten "small college" status?

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enrollment's not going to exceed the master plan," Wolk explained.

He said he wants to put student concerns at ease and ensure that there will not be more students in terms of a whole, but in fact more students residing on campus. Wolk explained that the college always had the goal of growth for the student body and have a total enrollment of close to 1,900 students.

"We are on the same trajectory as planned all along," he explained.

Even excited alumni are voicing their opinions on the matter.

"Castleton's come so far from the time I went there. I love how their focus is to be a green campus with the pavilion hosting photovoltaic panels. They're making an investment toward the future. It's great," said former Castleton student Amanda Barrett, who graduated in 2006.

Wolk is thrilled at the idea of the outdoor pavilion, mostly for the sake of students.

"The outdoor pavilion will be used for various activities, including more concerts like Sammy Adams, who was just here, and will hold graduation, meetings, and orientation. It's more of what the students want," he explained.

Although Castleton has proposed new advancements for the upcoming years, there are still some changes students would like to see happen and feel should be addressed before the college focuses on expanding even more. Lorenz, Whitney, and Ashton all agreed that the college needs a new dining hall when asked what they feel would be most beneficial to the campus at this time.

"There's just not enough room for everybody to eat some days," Lorenz stated, rolling her eyes.

Wolk said he also has a plan for these concerns, which will be addressed in the project -- an 18 percent increase in space in Huden.

"There's a whole architectural design in the project. We want a greater capacity and more stations," he explained.

Although there are some students questioning the new project, they are still remaining practical about the school's goals.

"For them, it means more income through tuition. I don't really mind it. I'm going to pay out the ass wherever I go, so I may as well go someplace nice," Ralph said.

One thing the school can assure is that this project is meant for current students and perspective students to get the most out of their college career. Wolk understands the concerns among campus, but is excited at the idea of bringing more to the campus, without turning student's away from what initially draws them to Castleton in the first place.

"Castleton will always be the small campus with the big heart," he said.

Long-distance dating dilemma

By Matthew Bijas
Castleton Spartan

It's the dreaded three word phrase: long distance relationship. They're tough to pull off and almost never last -- and it's no different for college couples.

"My boyfriend sent me flowers," freshmen Afton Anechiarico said, as she ecstatically pointed to the colorful arrangement on her desk. "He is always sending me surprises. Reminds me that he is always thinking about me."

Anechiarico's boyfriend currently resides in Las Vegas. They have been dating for nine months and Anechiarico doesn't foresee that changing anytime soon. Her face lit up brighter than a Christmas tree when she talked about flying out to see him over October break.

This freshmen's story might seem uplifting, but upperclassmen tend to paint a different picture. Junior Anthony Simms dated a CSC student who ended up transferring to a college in Rhode Island.

"When she was here everything was fine," he said. "It was when she left that problems happened."

Simms' girlfriend had many friends who were guys and very few who were girls. This struck Simms as odd. So was jealousy an issue?

"No, no, I was concerned," Simms said. "There's a difference. Like you should have both genders as friends, not just on ... Especially not one gender that's trying to hook up with you."

Simms tried to visit her. He even tried using Skype, but things still took a turn for the worse.

"We argued for like two weeks straight," Simms said. "So I was like, we're done. I don't wanna fight anymore."

He paused and stared at the ground.

"Stuff gets old," he said.

The situation scarred Simms so deeply that it changed his entire outlook on relationships.

"I'm not going into another relationship," he said. "Not for a long time at least."

In Anechiarico's case, she thought Skype and phone calls were working. But a chink in the



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Kalee Murphy talks to her long-distance boyfriend while looking at their photo.

armor appeared when she talked about how she was currently getting along with her boyfriend.

"Mmm, not more fighting," Anechiarico said. "Just kinda jealous you know? Like when one person says they are hanging out with so and so, the other gets kind of mad."

Another upperclassman shared Simms' fate. Former CSC student Amberly Ondria, now a sophomore at SUNY Cobleskill, was in a four-year relationship when she enrolled in college.

It did not survive past freshman year.

"We tried for about six months to work things

out by talking mostly about all that was going on," Ondria said. "Mainly the distance was too much for him."

So does long distance ever work in college? The "distance" that Ondria talked about was a mere two-hour drive. Although her relationship did not end well, Ondria offered some advice.

"People need to be aware that long distance relationships are really hard," she said. "It takes a lot of effort on both sides to make it work and the more you can see each other and tell each other what's going on, the little easier it might be."



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The current sign, located outside of Woodruff is slated to be replaced.

SGA hopes to erect electronic sign

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will allow us to constantly change the sign and put more creative and interesting advertisements for the great activities that are happening every day around campus," Garritt said.

Currently, the sign is changed voluntarily by Campus Activities Board Member, Brendan Silkey. It is done solely by hand, but if a new sign is placed, it will be totally electronic. Garritt notes that he hopes to have an appointed SGA member fill the role of sign changing.

If this project is to move forward, the SGA, the Class of 2011 and the college will be funding most of the costs, he said.

CSC Grad, Va. writer

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Pope decided to take more drastic measures and applied to every and any job she could find, just so she was able to pay her bills.

Eventually, through a friend of a friend, she got in contact with an up and coming magazine called "Scrimmage Play."

"I will tell you one thing -- journalism is all about knowing people and having contacts. There is no way I would've gotten this gig if I didn't know the right people and ask around. But I found out that it was a sports magazine and I would be writing sports articles... I had never done that before, because that was the "boys'" area of writing, not mine."

The magazine covers all sports for 19 high schools in the area and also includes profiles about major players and keeps tabs on the rivalries between schools. Despite never having written a game story, her first assignment was covering a high school football game.

"My boss handed me a stats sheet before the game and said, 'Here you go.' I had no idea what I was doing. I was just standing there by the field feeling like a moron. But I had Dave (Blow) in the back of my head saying: 'Learn through experience, Melissa!' I felt dumb, but I kept asking 'What yard line is that? Wait, why did they throw that flag?' After about 10 minutes, it suddenly clicked and I got so excited! I thought, 'This is what it feels like, this is what I want to do.'"

Soon after, Pope also got in contact with a music magazine called Magazine33, which covers local musicians and bands performing in the area. In between her

writing gigs, Pope also works at a local salon and assists a student at the University of Virginia with cerebral palsy.

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-Melissa Pope

Asked what her advice would be for aspiring journalists, she said "One thing I would say is, don't worry about how much you're going to get paid ... everyone that goes into journalism, does not go into it for the money. If you're passionate about doing what you love, just do it. You could always work at a tanning salon in order to write on the side! But if you have that passion, you just have to keep doing it... also...always listen to Dave! That's how I stuck with writing and I owe him for that."

Blow, asked about Pope's success, said he wasn't surprised to learn she landed a writing job, but he was psyched at the news.

"Melissa was one of the harder working students I've seen, especially in her last couple years. She took any assignment thrown her way and had a successful internship at the Rutland Herald," he said. "I guess I am a little surprised she's writing sports because she was always more into news and features and Hollywood stuff. But I think it's awesome and she should serve as inspiration to current CSC students."

McLovin'

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"What's wrong with that is things are still not organized and parking sucks. There are too many tickets given out and not enough room to put my whip. Half the time people park like idiots and take two spots," said bitter Castleton student Tyler Ericson.

But school officials say there is plenty of parking, just not where the students always want it to be.

"We are not going to charge you guys for parking like most other schools do. We are just going to bill you if you park the wrong way," Allen said.

So Adair and other Public Safety officers will continue to write tickets for offenders who choose to illegally park closer.

Asked how he feels about dishing tickets out daily and dealing with complaints, Adair said it has gotten easier.

"It was tougher when I was a student officer because I would know people in class who I gave tickets to and sometimes I felt uncomfortable," he said.

Now used to his officer duties and being more mature, "McClavin" has no problem dealing with students and their name-calling. Some days are harder than others for the man with black glasses in the tucked in gray, double-shoulder patched officer button-down.

"All in all it is worth the stresses the job provides. I enjoy helping people every day," said our Superbad friend.

WIUV on the air

By Maria Arnot
Castleton Spartan

When a pipe burst under Haskell Hall just over two years ago, a home was devastated. What was once the WIUV radio studio, is now in a state of mold, littered with papers, random CDS and worn out posters. And, unfortunately, nothing was recovered but an outdated Mac, a soundboard and a broadcaster for sporting events.

And this meant only one thing for Castleton State College Disk Jockeys: a new state of the art studio fitted with entirely new equipment.

The studio operates under the leadership of an advisor, but it is mainly student run. And this year change comes in the form of management, which has been completely reinvented. New plans for the studio this year have already been brought to the table.

Although the radio station got off to a relatively slow start this year, General Managers and sophomores Scott Foley and Victoria Phillips (under the leadership of "phantom faculty advisor" professor Robert Wuagneux) have finally begun to set things in motion for the station.

"We had a bit of a rough start trying to get some DJ's going and getting our first meeting, but after we had our first meeting, we started to pick it up quite a bit," said Phillips.

The station currently has between 10-15 DJ's, but is always looking for more.

"We have a board where they can sign up for whatever time slot they want...they can have a talk show, they can just play music, they can bring a guest, etc. Other than the language, there are really no restrictions."

Junior Megan Davis, who is entering her second year as a DJ, and who hosts a show every day of the week between 5 p.m.- 6 p.m., has created a theme for every day

of the week such as Modern Mondays, Double Trouble Tuesdays, and One Hit Wonder Wednesdays.

And, although she thought the station got off to a slow start, Davis has high hopes for the rest of the year.

"We had a meeting [on Sept. 24] and we came up with a lot of ideas. We want to get a lot of people involved and get the station better known around campus. Hopefully then we'll have more listeners," said Davis.

The general managers are currently holding meetings every two weeks, but are pushing to meet once a week.

"I think the problem is coordination. People say they will do things or talk to this person or that person, but we don't know if it's actually happening until the meeting a week later. And if the issue isn't underway by then, we lost a week of progress already," said sophomore Nik Minarik, who hosts the show with Davis.

By hosting a variety of events and honing in more on student interests, the station hopes to engage and obtain far more listeners this year, and get their name out there.

"I know we're trying to get a lot of fun merchandise and stuff to get our name out there. We're trying to get posters for every show that the DJ's have," said Davis. "I think once we advertise that way, maybe people will start listening more. We need people to know who we are and what we play before we expect them to listen to us."

For many of the proposed ideas for the year, help will be needed, and students are always encouraged to give DJing a shot.

"I feel like last meeting, a great core of really dedicated people stepped up and showed what the station is capable of. If the same people stick with it, we can get big things done by the end of this semester," said Minarik.

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CSC stuns Gallaudet

Last-second field goal gives Spartans upset victory in Washington, D.C.

Mike DelDotto
Castleton Spartan

Castleton football turned some heads in the Eastern Collegiate Football Conference this past Saturday, Sept. 25 in Washington, D.C. Actually they twisted heads clean off by beating a Gallaudet program that is over 100 years older, 31-28. The Bison beat down the Spartans 49-18 a year ago.

With just 11 ticks left on the clock, and the score knotted at 28 all, Castleton had used their last timeout to line up a field goal on second down that would put Kicker, Carl Ojala, 20 yards away from stardom.

"It made the eight-hour bus ride go a lot faster."
-Head Coach Alercio

"There was time left and down was left. It was only second down with 15.5 seconds left," said head coach Rich Alercio. "I didn't want to have a sack or holding penalty."

Ojala split the uprights to give the Spartans a three-point lead. All that was left to do was to stop a kick return and make sure the Bison offense didn't convert a deep pass. Game over.

"It made the eight-hour bus ride go a lot faster," Alercio laughed.

Castleton took the opening drive 64 yards before being stopped on a fourth-and-goal from the Gallaudet three-yard line.

Gallaudet scored first with an eight-yard run by Mike Gimelli that finished off a 67-yard drive. Justin Wilson's extra-point made it a 7-0 first quarter lead for the Bison.

Castleton scored to open up the second quarter with

a 54-yard bomb from quarterback Shane Brozowski to wide receiver Evan Cassidy for the team's first score. Luis Robitaille kicked the extra-point to tie the game at 7.

After Gallaudet responded with an 80-yard scoring drive of its own, Castleton closed out the first half with a 56-yard drive capped by a one-yard plunge by Brozowski. Castleton entered halftime with a 14-13 lead since Wilson's second PAT attempt was blocked.

Gallaudet took a 20-14 lead mid-way through the third quarter and once again the Spartans answered with another Brozowski run and Ojala extra-point to go up 21-20.

In the fourth quarter, the Spartans were able to eat up some clock time with an eight-minute drive that stalled on the Gallaudet five-yard line when Ojala's field goal attempt was blocked.

Castleton running back Mick Wong capped a 63-yard drive to put the Spartans up 28-20. Gallaudet answered with a score and two-point conversion to tie the game but Castleton would have the final say on Ojala's game-winner.

Brozowski had Brady-like numbers going 33-46 on pass attempts for 413 yards with a touchdown and an interception. The sophomore passer also rushed for 66 yards and two touchdowns. Cassidy had eight receptions for 109 yards and found the end zone once.

"[Brozowski] was phenomenal," said Alercio. "He played better than he has ever played. Those are huge numbers."

The Spartans return home for an ECFC matchup with Mount Ida on Oct. 2 at 1:00p.m. for Homecoming.



JOHN SHRAMEK/CASTLETON SPARTAN

Chris Mulholland dribbles by a U-Maine-Farmington defender.

Men open NAC with 2 straight wins



JOHN SHRAMEK/CASTLETON SPARTAN
Senior-captain Josh Costa has eight goals in nine games.

Mike DelDotto
Castleton Spartan

The Castleton men's soccer team opened conference play with games on both Sept. 25 and 26 against Thomas College and University of Maine-Farmington, winning both games 3-1 and 3-0 respectively.

The Sept. 26 shutout of Farmington

was senior goalkeeper Andy LaCroix's (two saves) second clean sheet of the season.

Head coach John Werner was very proud of his team's performance.

"I don't know how much better we could play," said Werner. "The guys dug deep for a good conference weekend."

After a scoreless first half, the Spartans quickly landed on the score sheet just three minutes into the second half on a great run from senior midfielder Chris Mulholland. Mulholland dodged a Beaver defender, cut the ball to the middle and tucked a low shot inside the left post to put Castleton ahead 1-0 to the delight of the 300 fans.

Striking next for the Spartans was junior midfielder Jacob Ferry sending home his first goal of the season on a pass from senior-captain Josh Costa. Costa sent a free-kick from 35 yards out over the Farmington defense and onto the foot of Ferry who buried it.

"Ferry was our Man of the Match," said Werner. "He's good in the middle."

Costa would close out the scoring less than a minute later receiving a through-pass from sophomore midfielder Billy Lund for his eighth goal in nine games this season.

Castleton's young defenders Jacob Roswell and Dominic Heller played

strong on the back line turning away some tough Farmington advances.

"Did Heller step up or what?" asked Werner proudly of his freshmen back.

The Spartans outshot the Beavers 21-10 in the contest.

On Saturday Sept. 25 Castleton defeated Thomas 3-1 on three first half goals from Tanner LeCuyer, Brendan Hoffman, and Tim Sherman. All three goals were the first of the season and first of the collegiate career for each player.

LeCuyer settled a loose ball in the box and sent it home for the first score of the game in the 21st minute.

Hoffman tapped home a pass from Trevor Kotrady to give the Spartans a 2-0 advantage.

Thomas answered the second Castleton strike with a corner from Edwin Reyes to Australian Paul Rechichi who slid home the goal for a 2-1 game.

Sherman took back the Spartan two-goal lead on a 75-yard free-kick from LeCuyer that found his foot all the way downfield into the box where he put it just inside the far post.

"We came together for a good weekend," Werner said.

The Spartans host rival Norwich University tonight at 7.

Strong start for women's field hockey



ENNIS DULING/SPARTAN CONTRIBUTOR

Sarah Flore follows through on a pass against Plymouth.

Kristie Dunchus
Castleton Spartan

Senior Sarah Flore scored a pair of goals while fellow classmate Courtney Nolan chipped in one to lead Castleton in a victory over Ramapo College, 3-0, on Saturday Sept. 18 in non-conference action.

Just 4 minutes into the match, Flore picked up her first of two goals scoring off a penalty corner with a feed from Nolan.

Later in the first half, Nolan set up

Flore again to make it 2-0.

Castleton has won five straight games and Flore has scored at least two goals in each of those last five games accumulating 22 total points during the Spartans five-game winning streak.

And although Flore had been a stand-out offensively for Castleton she only has one explanation for her teams accomplishments. Teamwork.

"Every single player on our team has been a key factor in our success," said Flore. "If one of our starters is having an off game, there is always someone on the

bench ready to step up."

But the Spartans' streak would be broken eventually. They fell to Keene State College on Monday Sept. 20.

Castleton had many opportunities to score early but the Owls were able to shut down Flore. Nolan scored off a rebound with just under 20 minutes left to play to bring Castleton only two goals behind. But the scoreboard would not change as the Spartans fell to the Owls 3-1.

"Their goalie came up with a couple of huge saves, but we weren't there for the rebounds," Flore said.

Nolan believes the team played to the best of their ability but Keene State just had more of a competitive edge to help them lead them to victory.

"Keene State came out ready to fire in the second half and their back to back goals really gave them an advantage," said Nolan. "We stepped up our game and I feel that we out played them, we just couldn't get as many finishes in the end."

Flore echoes Nolan's thoughts.

"We played hard, we just couldn't finish. It was a tough loss, but we played our hearts out and never gave up," Flore said.

With that loss in the rearview mirror, the Spartans are looking ahead to their next game, which is their first conference game of the season. But according to Nolan the team doesn't prepare any different for this game. She says it doesn't matter the opponent the team just goes in to every game looking for a win.

"We just do our thing and go into each competition hungry for the win," Nolan said.

The Spartans will begin conference play on Saturday Sept. 25 at 1:00 p.m. when they travel to Rivier College.

Castleton Sports Shorts

Rob Doran
Castleton Spartan

The Castleton WOMEN'S TENNIS team has continued its dominant play this season with six consecutive wins following their season opening loss to Colby-Sawyer.

In the past two weeks the women have beaten down their opponents to improve their record to 6-1, and 3-0 in the conference.

Thomas was a victim of the power from the Lady Spartans twice in the past couple of weeks with the Spartans taking both meetings 9-0. Castleton also took down Lyndon State 7-2 and Plymouth State 5-4.

The Spartans have been led by Chelsea Crehan who still holds a flawless record, 6-0, nearly a month into the season. Kristen McGinn and Brittini Racine have also contributed solid marks, both 5-1 overall.

Women's tennis returns to their friendly Castleton home on Sept. 30.

Castleton's CROSS COUNTRY team had a rough couple weeks finishing no higher than 20th.

In both the UMass Dartmouth Invitational as well as the Cod Fish Bowl, both men and women struggled to stay near the top of the pack.

Maggie Klein was once again named the NAC's runner of the week for the second consecutive week.

Klein finished 85th overall out of 290 in the UMass Invitational and 20th overall out of 243 runners in the Cod Fish Bowl.

Cross Country looks to rebound on October 2, in the Vermont State Meet held in Middlebury, VT.

Back-to-back shutouts for women

10 goals help women roll to easy weekend sweep



Kelly Gerken and Hannah Josselyn try to out-jump U-Maine-Farmington keeper McKell Barnes.

JOHN SHRAMEK/CASTLETON SPARTAN

By John Shramek
Castleton Spartan

The Castleton women's soccer team capped off a perfect week with a 3-0 victory over Maine-Farmington, a North Atlantic Conference foe, on Sept. 26.

Despite the victory, Castleton did not look as sharp as

it had in the past few games, perhaps due to the match the day before against Thomas College.

The team looked less energetic, and as a result, it dealt with some sloppy passes and lack of focus at points.

"I don't think it was our best game by any means," coach Chris Chapdelaine

said. "But we plugged away and kept competing."

Castleton, though, got on the board in the 31st minute with Sarah Ethier's second goal of the season. Ethier picked up a loose ball around the top of the box and delivered a low shot into the corner of the net.

Castleton doubled its

lead seven minutes later as Megan Blongy made a run at McKell Barnes, the Beavers' keeper, and sent a rocket off of a one touch past the keeper.

With 16:41 left in the second half, Hilary Cooke recorded her team-leading eighth goal of the season when she took a beautiful cross from Courtney Chadburn and drove a one-touch shot past the full-extension dive from Barnes.

"Hilary brings a whole new attack dynamic to this team," Chapdelaine said. "She and Blongy really take the load of scoring off of Courtney's shoulders, and that is really great for our team."

With a three-goal lead in the second half, Castleton had nothing to worry about as the defense has been the strongest aspect of the team this season.

The Spartan defense, lead by keeper Ericka Davis, has only allowed eight goals in eight games this season.

"Defense really takes time

but [our defense] has really been competing against good teams this season," Chapdelaine said. They've been hanging in there.

The game against Farmington was no different as every time the Beavers entered Spartan territory, a wall of green and white met them. The Kelly duo on team was especially good in the game.

"Kelly Tetreault and Kelly Gerken were real big for us today defensively," Chapdelaine said. [Gerken] stepped back and made some big plays."

Davis, a sophomore, made five saves in goal against the Beavers, and she has done nothing but give Chapdelaine confidence in her this season.

"[I'm] confident in her without a doubt," he said. "She's got some big things coming ahead of her."

With the win over the beavers, the Spartans move to 6-2 overall and 2-0 in NAC play. The team will next travel to take on Cobleskill at 4 p.m. on Sept. 29.



JOHN SHRAMEK/CASTLETON SPARTAN

Brynn Campbell dodges a U-Maine-Farmington defender.

Men's golf in the rough

Michael DelDotto
Castleton Spartan

The beautiful Taconic Golf Course in Williamstown, Mass. has seen such prestigious events like the 1996 U.S. Senior Amateur and two NCAA championships, but this past weekend it played host to the Williams Invitational. The Castleton men's team finished 11th in an 18 team pack, shooting a two-day total of 643 (328, 308).

Senior Eric Slosek paced the Spartans with a 155, good enough for a tie for 23rd. Slosek shot two over par (73) on the first day for sixth on the leader board.

"[Slosek] shot two-over on a very difficult course," said junior Cam Wood listing the events that have taken place on the course.

Wood said the team was disappointed with the 11th place finish.

"We finished a couple spots in front [of last year]," said Wood. "After [Slosek] it was all downhill for us."

Freshman Cody Ball had a good performance and finished in a tie for 27th after shooting a 157 (77, 80).

Castleton travels to Stowe, Mass. on Oct. 2 and Oct. 3 for the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference Championship.

"Last year we came in third in the ECAC's," said Wood. "We're looking to do well there."

Wood said the team is slowly progressing, and they were looking to improve for the North Atlantic Conference championship and get the bid to enter the National Tournament.

Volleyball digging for a groove

Kristie Dunchus
Castleton Spartan

After struggling for the first half of the season the women's volleyball team finally dug deep and pulled out its first two wins of the season Sunday Sept. 19 improving their overall record to 2-4.

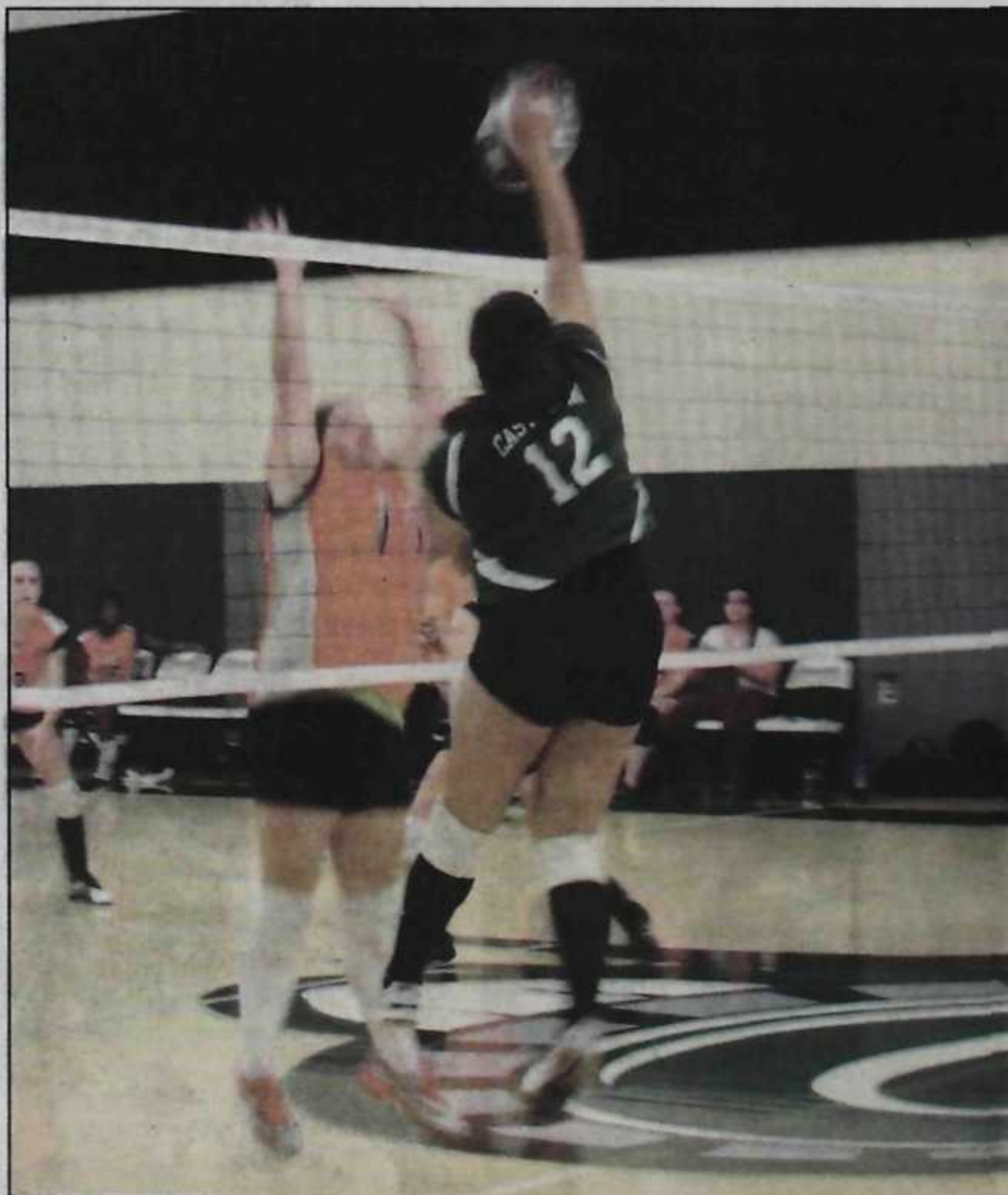
On Saturday Sept. 18 the Spartans fell to both Anna Maria and Colby Sawyer 3-0. But they quickly bounced back on Sunday when they defeated Southern Vermont. In match one Castleton was down two sets to none, but the Spartans never gave up and went on to defeat the Mountaineers 3-2. From there, Castleton wouldn't look back as they kept their momentum going right into match two beating Curry 3-1.

A couple major factors in the volleyball team's struggles is team chemistry and leadership according to head coach Bethany Torrice.

"It will take a little while for the girls to get used to playing with one another and then things will start clicking for us," Torrice said. "We are missing that solid core of leadership that we had in our senior class last year."

According to freshman standout Chelsea Schlosser the team is finally starting to come together as one unit.

"This past weekend we worked as a team on the court, not just individuals playing volleyball together," Schlosser said. "We all have a great passion for the sport and a great bond between each other."



ROB DORAN/CASTLETON SPARTAN

Ashley Kapaa goes for a spike against SUNY Cobleskill.

Schlosser went on to say that after the two defeats on Saturday the team, with a little encouragement from the coaching staff, was determined to come out on top the next day.

"Our team finally had the moment where we clicked and came together to come out on top for both games the second day," Schlosser said.

Schlosser strongly believes the team will be ready to compete when it comes time for conference play.

"As long as we keep up the hard work and determination, I know we will excel," Schlosser said.

Torrice agrees and is very optimistic about the remainder of the season.

"We start out conference

play against the two best teams in the league so that will be tough," Torrice said. "But I expect us to be at the top half of the standings again this season."

Castleton begins conference play Saturday Oct. 2 at Glenbrook Gym where they will face Husson and defending NAC champions Maine Maritime.

Sports talk



Chadwick Cioffi

Nothing says confidence like winning clutch games and making a statement – the Spartans have been doing both.

The football team made a statement with Carl Ojala's 20 yard field goal, oh yeah I forgot to mention – it was a game winning field goal with 11 seconds to go in the game. I can't say enough about how impressive this football team has been in its first three games. The 31-28 win over Gallaudet gave the Spartans their first conference win of the season and has the team at 1-2 heading into their game against Mount Ida. Just based on how this team performed against Plymouth and Gallaudet I like the Spartans in almost any matchup now. This defense is gritty, the offense is sexy, and the conference doesn't look at the Spartans as the younger brother they can beat up on anymore.

Speaking of getting beat up, I feel bad for any field hockey team playing the Spartans this year. So far the team is off to a 6-2 start and doesn't look to be slowing down. Sarah Flore has 11 goals and three assists on the season and goaltender Siobhan Whittemore has posted two shutouts and has only allowed 12 goals against in eight games played. I like the youth, aggressiveness, and heart this team has played with so far, this will be a difficult team to beat down the stretch.

Another team that won't be easy to beat down the home stretch will be the men's soccer team. Josh Costa has found the net eight times in the first nine games, I see Costa averaging about a goal a game at the end of the season. This Spartan soccer team has a lot of talent and play exceptionally well in close games. Recently the men's soccer team won in overtime against Potsdam State 2-1, coming off the heels of a 1-0 loss in double overtime against Plattsburgh State. I'll take this team to walk through the NAC and hoist the hardware this year for the main fact that the team plays with such tenacity in close games – that's my difference maker for this team.

Out of all the statements made this season the women's soccer team has made the most profound statement of all – try and stop Chadburn and we'll hit you with other weapons. This is intimidating because Courtney Chadburn has a presence on the field, defenders would be stupid to ignore her. It does, however, make life a little difficult for the defense and goaltender when Hilary Cooke and Megan Blongy have been playing so consistent to Chadburn's play. This three-headed monster might be the most dominating force in NAC soccer this year. All three players have the potential to score more than 20 goals, and not to mention with a 5-2 record to start the season this team knows how to win games too. I like this team's swagger on offense and defense; I'm thinking NAC championship. I don't think many teams can stop Chadburn to begin with, but even if they can stop her I don't think they'll stop Cooke or Blongy.



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Nuclear debate rages in FAC

By Kelsey LaPoint
Castleton Spartan

Two opponents squared off in a debate last Wednesday in the Casella Theater over nuclear energy. Howard Shaffer III, of the American Nuclear Society, and Tyson Slocum of Public Citizen Energy Program verbally sparred over whether or not nuclear energy should be utilized on a local and global basis.

Shaffer, a 35-year member of the American Nuclear Society and a nuclear engineer, started by detailing the history of nuclear energy in America and touting it as a safe energy source.

"The safety and environmental record of nuclear power record taken as a whole is superb. Nothing is perfect. Perfection is a political ploy," he said.

This set off a barrage of arguments by Slocum, who works for a Washington D.C. non-profit, non-partisan advocacy group called Public Citizen. Slocum said nuclear energy isn't safe, and said history — including at nearby Vermont Yankee, shows us that.

"There have been so many promises over the decades that nuclear power was going to be the salvation for America's energy challenges... And there was a lot of hope and desire that nuclear power could be an inexpensive, safe form of electricity."

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Howard Shaffer (left) and Tyson Slocum (right) debate.

Drunken fans hassle Wolk

By Maria Arnot
Castleton Spartan

The homecoming football game at Castleton allowed for an unexpected event this year when a conflict broke out between three young men and President Dave Wolk on Oct. 9 around 1 p.m.

According to Director of Public Safety Bob Godlewski, the dispute began after several fans told Wolk that there was an "unruly bunch of fans."

Wolk politely asked the three men to leave, yet they proceeded to give him a hard time. When he asked to see inside their backpack to check for alcohol, they refused to let him. He promptly guided them to the exit, Godlewski said.

"President Wolk called to me and said 'Tyler get this kid.' As he did, [the kid] broke free, and I chased after him and restrained him on the ground. He told me he could not breathe and he was about to throw up, so I told him I would let him up slowly," said sophomore public safety officer Tyler Duczeminski. "As he got up, he swung at me, and in blocking the punch, I lost him. I chased after him, catching him at the rail trail, and kept him subdued until Chief of Police Bruce Sherwin came to cuff him."

While Duczeminski restrained one person, another student officer, sophomore Zak Mayo, controlled the other.

"The kid was tripping all over himself in front of the stadium," said Mayo. "I noticed his eyes were scanning the area and that he saw there was a little area where he could get away. He then tried to run, plowed into me, and I fell and hit my head on one of the benches."

As Mayo, fell he sliced his head open, resulting in nine stitches and a neck brace for his sprained neck. He received workmen's compensation, which covered all of his medical expenses.

"The thing that upsets me most is not that I got hit in the head, but that they did this in front of families and children. These kids now have this image of CSC or football, and they might associate what happened with college or who they look up to. And it was all because of stupid alcohol."

The three young men included only one Castleton student, Tyler Pelletier. The other two were his brother and a friend.

According to Godlewski, the three men were all highly intoxicated and blew "well above .20," but he was unable to share the exact numbers.

"The athletic dept. staff does a good job [at monitoring drinking at the game,] but these kids got through," said Godlewski. "The lines were long, and they got through without being detected that they were intoxicated. It just tells us we have to watch closer in regards to these students and not allow them in the stadium."

According to Mayo, there have been charges pressed against the three men. However, the formal results are not available at this time.

It has been confirmed that Tyler Pelletier no longer attends Castleton.

Although Wolk did not want to provide an extensive comment on the situation, he did want to compliment Castleton Public Safety for its swift response to the situation.

"This was the first time since I arrived at Castleton in 2001 that we have had such an incident, and I hope it's the last," said Wolk.



Eight-week-old chocolate lab Casey (left) plays with her pink toy. Cora LeClair kisses her puppy Casey.

Students feeling puppy love

By Michael Slade
Castleton Spartan Contributor

There's nothing like that cute puppy love that makes you feel all warm and fuzzy in your tummy. Finding the right "one" for you is an essential part of the process. You see their small face for the first time towering over it like a giant. You cannot help yourself by belting out loudly "AWW."

Then you turn to your boyfriend, girlfriend, mother, father or whomever, you are with, and look at them with your own puppy eyes and say over and over PLEASE can we get it! After all that paper work, it's official! You carry out the eight-week old, so-small-it-can-fit-in-your-lap, puppy!

At Castleton State College when students move off campus, the first thing they say to their housemates is, we should get a puppy! For junior Cora LeClair and senior Justin Cawley their dream came true this semester.

"The main reason we moved off campus is to get a dog. We were lucky we got her for 50 bucks," LeClair said.

Casey is their eight-week old chocolate lab that is still in the stage of teething and continues to poop and pee everywhere.

On the bright side, Casey already sits on command! She can walk on a leash without biting through it, unlike the puppy in the movie Marley & Me. LeClair, being

the responsible mother, has taken care of her, house trained her and even lets little Casey sleep with her. Money has yet to be an issue for the two owners, but they both agreed when it's time for the veterinarian, it might get pretty expensive.

"She's like taking care of a baby. They're all about time management. You always have to watch them no matter what. The time with my boyfriend has gone down a lot," LeClair said.

For the record, Casey has yet to adopt either of their last names, just in case they split up.

But Gretchen Goodman, who works at the Humane Society in Rutland County, cautioned students about dog ownership.

"College students can afford them in the short run, but they don't know what they will be doing or where they will be living in three or four years. Getting a dog is sometimes a 20-year commitment," she said.

Senior Dan Gardner, who tried to adopt a dog from the Humane Society, had a pretty bad experience.

"I was pissed. I went through a day-and-a-half signing papers and having them do background checks on me. But at the last minute the manager came out and told me that I can't have a dog from them because I am a college student," he said.

He said he understood why they said no, because they fear what happens to the dog once school is over.

But nothing would stop Gardner from getting a dog. He was so determined to get a puppy that he could train by himself, he went to Rhode Island to his friend's town to get one. His dog is also named Kacy and she is now a beautiful three-month-old golden retriever who loves to jump on people, especially when they walk through the door.

"I really wanted to get a puppy, that way I could have the dog learn my voice and get them house trained. The jumping part I think is part of the dogs breed, because I have friends that also have two goldens and they do the same thing. And they are both five years old," he said.

Gardner lived right next to campus when he got his puppy, but then his "expletive" landlord kicked both of them out. Now they both happily live in West Rutland where Gardner worked really hard building a fence in his back yard for Kacy.

Justin Vigilante, a senior, has a dog named Velvet. He laughed when he said, "My best memory of Velvet is when she came to class with me. Not because I let her, because she ran after me in my car. She loves cars, that's the problem! I was going to class in my car and going about 25mph and she was keeping up with me. I went for a while down the road but finally felt bad so I took a left down a street to pull over and get her. But I guess she wanted to go to class, so she kept running."

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Melinda Mills

By Steve McNulty
Castleton Spartan

After an extensive search conducted by members of Castleton's faculty and administration over the past summer, the college has hired a new professor to head the Women's and Gender Studies program.

Melinda Mills comes to Castleton via Georgia State University in Atlanta, Ga., where she received her PhD and taught sociology as a graduate student and full-time faculty member since 2004.

The search to fill the position, which holds the responsibility of leading the Women's and Gender Studies program and also working closely with the sociology

department, was no simple task. Trish Van Der Spuy, the chair of the search committee, said that there were approximately 80 applicants for the position and "a lot of really strong candidates."

Following a thorough interview process, the search committee narrowed the field of applicants to its three strongest candidates, who were invited to Castleton's campus for a final interview. Finally, Mills nabbed the position.

"There wasn't one deciding factor," said Van Der Spuy. "Everything about her was absolutely right. She demonstrated an ability to lead the program and is highly prepared academically. It was very clear immediately that she was the

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Dorms needed for current students

By Nick Minarik
Castleton Spartan

The student body at Castleton has been increasing noticeably over the past few years, and the signs of a school that is admitting too many students each year are showing. The quads in Ellis Hall last year were a warning, and the 37 students who were living at the Ramada earlier in the year reinforced that.

The Castleton administration is taking action to make sure this doesn't happen again, at least not after 2012.

Project 2012 contains plans for a new 150-student dorm, intended to prevent overflow. In theory, this is exactly what the college needs, however, plans such as this don't always go according to theory.

Castleton clearly accepted more students than its capacity allowed and some students paid for it by being in four-person rooms or needing to operate around the Rutland bus schedule. Admissions pushed the outer limit and may have cut it a little bit too close.

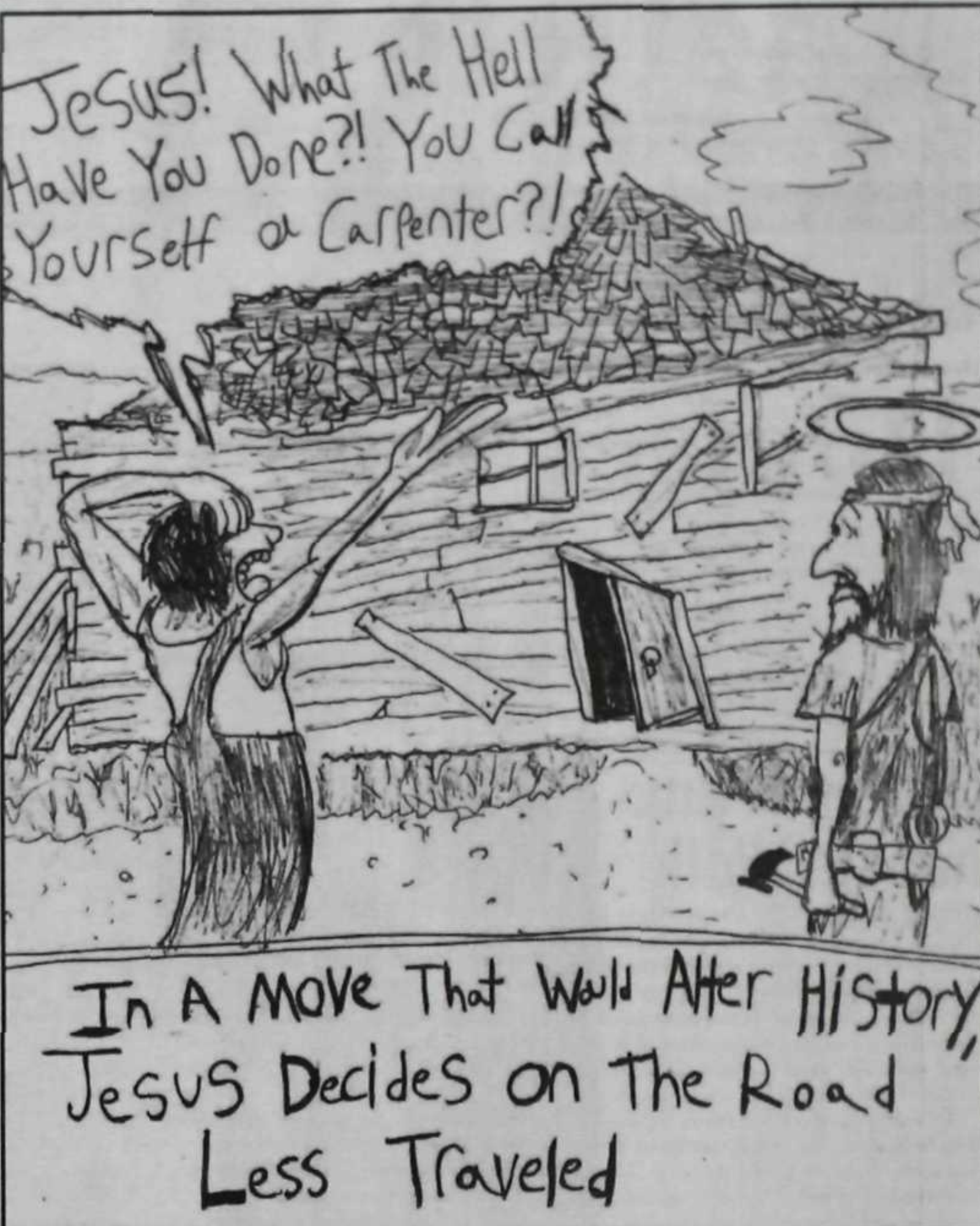
We at The Spartan see no issue with building new dorms to counter this growth of the student body. However, we do see an issue with a continuing growth of the student body resulting from the new dorms. But we can still be a small, community-based campus, even with these new dorms.

The new dorms should be built for current students, and the admissions cap should be adjusted just enough that the college will be operating at its optimal capacity, not its absolute acceptable maximum like it was this year.

It's true that a lot of the students at Castleton chose the school partly on the grounds of its smaller size compared to schools like UVM. Some are worried that new dorms like these will take away from the small school feel, but we don't see that to be the case. We can still be a smaller, "community-oriented" college, even with ambitious undertakings like Project 2012 on the horizon.

The only problem would come from a scenario such as this: The new dorms are ready, and as a result, the college accepts 150 additional students for the incoming class of 2012. This would just cause a repeat of this year, which is exactly what needs to be avoided. College President Dave Wolk has assured the college community that the cap or about 2,000 students will hold, and we have no reason to believe otherwise. And we believe the big-hearted little school will be just fine with a new a dorm.

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Is designing children right or wrong?

By Brian Garvey, Jr.
Castleton Spartan Contributor

Most married couples face a decision to name their children. Meticulous details are invested to assure a unique name is chosen for both a boy and girl. In the near future, however, parents may be choosing more than just a name, but rather the perfect genetic codes for their child. It may sound a million years away, but in reality it is just around the corner.

Professor Bonnie Steinbock, from the University of Albany, visited Castleton before break with a new outlook on genetic enhancement. Her message was to help people see the benefits of the procedure, but not to persuade one way or the other. She spent time on two common fallacies: genetic exceptionalism and fate decided by genes. It was apparent she has received many theological arguments because she lacked a spiritual outlook of the procedure, which happened to be what most of the audience members wanted to discuss.

The fallacies were explained in-depth. Genetic enhancement will not be able to determine a child's natural ability because genes are half the equation. And a child's environment is another determining factor. The atmosphere a child is raised in will impact the intellectual, spiritual, and athletic abilities most. Steinbock explained that there is no "magic gene" that can make a child smarter.

However, parents can prevent sex-oriented diseases by predetermining the gender of the baby through Pre-implantation genetic diagnosis. She detailed the insurmountable amount of protection children could have from common genetic diseases, without harming the child's autonomy.

It was apparent, however, that many biased minds look at the matter with tunnel vision. Steinbock explained that genetic modification will not be able to disrupt or change learning styles. The procedure can't force talents on children, but depending on the gene, it may make them more receptive to certain interests like athletics, study, or musical. The gene change is not directly determining if a child will become a professional athlete or the next John Lennon. It still gives freedom to the child and is not, by any means, changing the authenticity of the child.

The only credible argument ridiculed was "social justice," meaning that the procedure would be solely available to the wealthy thus making it more susceptible to government involvement. The government's role would be to create common grounds so lower class citizens would have access too. It would be unfair for wealthy children to have more health advantages than the less privileged. Either way, it would allow for more government access in hospitals.

It truly was a privilege to have the debate projected in a philosophical manner. It gave everyone in the audience a chance to be open to distinctions among perspectives. The distinctions made it easier for a civilized discussion afterward, however, some of the questions were more pointed and argumentative.

But Steinbock answered them respectively and still maintained a philosophical attitude. The philosophy crew at Castleton is extremely happy to have been given insight on such an ethical concept. Genetic changes will be the talk of the next generation, so it is smart to be prepared now. However, an even more important idea is to be more open to the perspectives of others.

THINK TANK

Bonnie Steinbock Presents "Designer Babies" to Castleton Students

On Monday October 4th Castleton students mingled in the Old Chapel to hear Professor Bonnie Steinbock from the University of Albany present the future possibilities of prospective parents having the ability to customize the outcome of their offspring's genes. Of course, this is still a very futuristic concept but geneticists are experimenting with such ideas with stem cell research and other quandaries.

Now the question is: "If you could design your own children, would you?" or "Do you think this would be an ethical procedure if it prevented diseases?" Please reply to THINK TANK at philosophy@castleton.edu. Thank You PEACE!

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Sounding Off

In the past two weeks, we have been privileged to have a number of diverse, educational and entertaining Soundings events. Below is a sampling of student comments:

Picnic

"Madge makes the choice she does because Hal is the first person who has ever made her feel 'real.' Madge has lived her life being considered superficial and fake; just a pretty object. Hal allowed Madge to be 'crazy' and 'free' for the first time in her life. At the end of the play Madge realizes her future isn't sitting around and being a pretty housewife; it is a life where she can be 'real.'"

Meghan Hakey

Vermont Symphony Orchestra

"It is definitely important to keep live symphony orchestras around, despite the decline in audience. Since third grade I have been in a band, and my biggest motivator is going to live performances. There is no comparison to the feeling you get sitting in the auditorium while the artists play right in front of your eyes. You get to share the emotions of the music with them while it is being played. No recording can ever give you that."

Avery Lemnah

Cashore Marionettes

"Wow! This was not what I expected. . . The way he had the puppet's hand playing the tune and creating the body motions with the other hand . . . was incredible."

Aaron Zrenda

"...the horse and dragon fly seemed to dance to the music; it was timed perfectly."

Shannon Burns

"... 'A Lullaby' really made me emotional, and reminded me of when my grandma used to sing lullabies to my younger sisters. . ."

Ryan Delorme

"... When you are watching it feels like you are watching a real man struggle with being homeless."

Jenna Paquette

"... I laughed, I cried. . ."

Lucille Bourgeois

EVENTS HAPPENING SOON

Thursday, October 28th, 12:30 p.m.,
1787 Room, Campus Center, Ticket Required

Phi Eta Sigma Lecture: Flo Keyes

English professor Flo Keyes will give a reading of her poetry, and some of the poetry by those whose work has influenced her. She will also discuss what symbols mean and how to find poetry that appeals to each person.

Thursday, November 4th, 7:00 p.m., Jeffords Auditorium

Jarice Hanson: Communicating More or Less

Just as print, film, radio, and television framed, shaped, and reflected images of American life in the twentieth century, digital technologies are contributing to new behaviors, contexts, and social practices today. University of Massachusetts Communications Professor Jarice Hanson will evaluate the shift from "old" to "new" media, making us mindful of benefits and limitations.

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Member of FUN Enterprises (left) charms kids with an underwater photo background. (right) children enjoy pony rides.

Homecoming weekend

By Jill Bassett
Castleton Spartan

Homecoming weekend is a weekend for students, parents, family, friends, alumni, faculty, and locals to come have fun and join as one big Castleton community.

The latest homecoming featured activities including the homecoming football game, the lacrosse student alumni game, basket raffles, cow plops, unveiling of the new Mandala II sculpture, boat rides on the lake and a communication department open house for alumni.

"Kevin Hurley the magician was amazing. He was back by popular demand. There was like 80-plus people at Fireside when there is usually about 12 at these events," said student Lani Williard.

For the parents of lacrosse player Rob Woods, the best part of homecoming weekend was seeing their son play in the alumni lacrosse game, especially since this year the team beat the alums.

For academic counselor Matt Patry, it was all about football.

"The biggest part of homecoming weekend was the nail bitter win, when we came from behind and won in the last few minutes," Patry said.



MEGAN DAVIS / CASTLETON SPARTAN

Magician Kevin Hurley performing in the Fireside Cafe.

Although the game was marred before its start by intoxication, vulgar language, and violence, it was soon forgotten with the intense win.

For Victoria Angis, assistant dean of campus life who has been here for three decades, the best part is always "seeing the alumni," Angis said homecoming was well attended this year and many walked away happy with commemorative mugs.

The communication department open house

also gave alums a chance to see the drastic changes made to the department including the new TV studio that left them reminiscing about the old studio and technology long gone. About 30 alumni came to visit the department and visit with professors Bob Gershon, David Blow and Thomas Conroy.

"It was a nice excuse to talk to and catch up with people you haven't seen in ten years," Conroy said. "People looked happy, seemed to be doing well, and some even brought along their children."

And the always unique hit cow plop bingo raised about \$600 for the student emergency loan fund, a loan most students are unaware of that helps students in emergency financial situations like if a commuter's car breaks down. This loan has a low interest rate and can really be helpful and all the money donated really keeps the fund moving.

The Student Awards Scholarship dinner was also a hit, highlighted by a speech from student Brooke Surprenant.

Then there was the ice hockey team's dunk tank, free massages and the athletic Hall of Fame inductees.

By the end of the day, students, parents and alums were wrung out, having spent a full day reminiscing, playing hard and bleeding Castleton green.

Fresh Perspectives



Bridgit Erin Connors

I think I survived the week. I mean, I'm still alive. However ungracefully I made it to Friday. The point is I still made it. Sunday mornings were made for recovering from the Saturday before, and I planned on doing just that two weeks ago, getting some cleaning done and catching up on work I needed to do. I find it funny how whenever I try to be organized or do my work, like a developing, responsible student should, some twist of fate messes with me. In this case that devious hand of fate was on the lever of a toilet.

The porcelain gods were not on my side that day. They must have needed a sacrifice, like in old Greek mythology or something. I watched as my keys flew out of my hand, taken victim by communal bathroom plumbing. Maybe I didn't pray enough to the porcelain gods as much as some of my other friends have, but for whatever reason they decided to take my keys, student ID, and the USB stick with all of the work that I had done at school on it. And now I realize the importance of backing up files.

I needed this vacation week, if you can call it that. Well, yeah it was a good break, I mean I got to see my boyfriend and our friends I spent time with my family, and slept in my own bed. I did have to work over break, but hell, who's going to argue with some change in my pocket for once. Sadly enough, vacation had to come to an end. And the beginning of hockey season awaited me back at school. Hockey season has been on my mind since I got here, and all of the infamous morning workouts with Al are paying off.

Although hockey season is right around the corner, I found my return a little bit less than welcoming. Everywhere I went another story about how hard this vacation was and another life crisis was popping up. It was spreading like the plague. I wanted to do what I could to help. But I guess homemade cookies just don't do the trick anymore. All of this was taking its toll on me.

Recently my mother had to go to the hospital for surgery, and not more than a day after, she had to return. Though I am not exactly too sure what I believe in, I do know that I love my family very much, and I prayed so much you would have thought I was a nun at Sunday mass. I tried not to let too many people know, but I sort of wish they did. I didn't want to compete for sympathy with others who I knew needed some, but at the same time I wish I had a shoulder to lean on, or somebody to put their arm around me.

One person told me something very smart, which is that I needed to take care of myself first and focus on me, instead of what everyone else needed for once. I know that they are right.



JULIE ASTA-FERRERO / SPARTAN CONTRIBUTOR

Members of the local Newman society pose for a picture.

Missing something?

By Laela Warnecke
Castleton Spartan

There was homemade macaroni and cheese, tossed salad with all the fixings, fresh apple-crisp straight from the oven and Castleton State College students gathered around the table enjoying conversation with Father Henry Furman and other members of Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church.

The group at Castleton's Newman center has been formed because of the reality that more than two-thirds of college-aged students cease to attend religious services during their college years. Newman Societies, or "Centers" as they are known in the United States, were formed in honor of John Henry Newman, an influential religious figure in England during the 19th century.

These Centers aim to provide pastoral services and ministries to Catholic students attending non-Catholic institutions. But few here at Castleton State College have any knowledge of the local Newman Center.

"The meetings take place on Saturdays after mass and vespers," Castleton State College student Julie Asta-Ferrero said. "There are the students, Father Henry Furman, Nancy Luzer from the college, and then some ladies from the parish named Kathy, Jane and Ginny. They are the ones who make dinner, set up the table, and do most of the cleaning afterwards."

The group is very close-knit, small in size but big in heart. Members enjoy a magnificent home-cooked meal while conversing about various topics within the church and within the world.

"We eat and talk about things. It could be anything! Things going on

in our lives, things we heard on the news, anything," Asta-Ferrero said.

After dinner, Father Furman offers students Catechesis—a short lesson about the Catholic faith. On this specific meeting he gave a dynamic talk on John Henry Newman and his efforts to stand up for Catholicism during the reign of the Anglican Church in England.

"After we've eaten our fill and talked ourselves out, we help each other clean up. Then we say good-night and go back to campus," Asta-Ferrero said.

Furman after the meeting said he's hopeful more students will start coming to the meetings.

"My hope is that college students will stay close to the faith, or discover it, to help them make sense of the world—to see the big picture," he said.

He said he realizes that many college-aged students venture away from the church and his hope is that The Newman Center will help.

"I hope the Church will be a spiritual home away from home for students," he said. "The Catholic Church truly provides a richer picture and deeper understanding of the mystery and wonder of our life on earth."

Student members of the group also are hoping others will join.

"It's really fun and nice to have dinner with your family away from home," Julie told me. "And I really think a lot of students would like that after a long week of homework and tests."

Mass at St. John's (which is a short, one minute walk from campus) is at 4 p.m. Saturday and 8:30 a.m. on Sunday. The next meeting is going to be held on Saturday, Oct. 30 after the 4 p.m. mass.

CSC Public Safety Blotter

September - October 2010

Date	Incident	Location
9/22	Harassment	Castleton Hall
9/23	Open Container / Disrespect / Misuse of I.D.	Science Lot
9/23	Harassment	Wheeler Hall
9/25	Vandalism	Castleton Hall
9/25	Vandalism	Ellis Hall
9/25	Severe Headache	Babcock Hall
9/26	Vandalism	Babcock Courtyard
9/26	Underage Alcohol	Morrill Hall
9/26	NAT Incident	Outside Adams Hall
9/29	Marijuana Violation	Wheeler Hall
9/29	Vandalism / Harassment	Campus Center Lot
10/01	Theft of Gas	Campus Center Lot
10/02	Theft of Cash	Babcock Hall
10/02	Dog locked in resident hall room	North House
10/02	Underage drinking / Drugs	Morrill Hall
10/03	Disrespect	Adams Hall
10/03	Motor Vehicle / Hit-n-run	Campus Lot
10/04	Vandalism	Campus Center
10/04	Vandalism	Adams Hall
10/07	Underage Drinking / Disrespect / Assault	Castleton Hall
10/08	DWI / Failure to comply / Driving W/O a license	Campus Center Lot
10/08	NAT / PMB's	Campus Center Lot
10/08	Medical Assistance-Fainting	Athletic Room / Gym
10/08	Drugs / Possession of Alcohol	North House
10/09	Medical Assistance	Castleton Hall
10/16	Wind Damage	Spartan Stadium
10/18	Vehicle Accident	Observatory Lot



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Jill Bassett

Question: What is the most frequently lost thing while at school?



Dillon Gingras

Sophomore
"My mind."



Alex Davis

Junior
"Flash Drive."



Krista Goddard

Sophomore
"Cell Phone."



Will Johnson

Senior
"Keys."



Trisha Kibling

Sophomore
"Sanity"



Zach Richards and Prof. Paul Derby (left) jam out and take in the sun after several days of hard rain at Lake Powell. Craig Drummond helps Prof. Paul Derby (right) with his breakdancing skills while visiting the Four Corners landmark.



WYATT ALOISIO / CASTLETON SPARTAN

A little road weary in the west

Day long packed van trips, challenging course material, and weather that would even make hardened outdoorsmen flinch, the Southwest assembly of students battles on.

By Wanderin' Wyatt Aloisio
Castleton Spartan



WYATT ALOISIO / CASTLETON SPARTAN

At one point hail the size of golfballs bombarded our camp.

While most CSC students were looking forward to having a much deserved October break just before their mid-terms, the 18 students in the southwest were just waiting for the opportunity to get back to a real classroom!

Now approaching almost nine weeks into the school year, the semester in the southwest initiative is in full swing and shows no signs of stopping or slowing down until the very end. Having continued on their journey to see and experience as much of the American Southwest as humanly possible while there, the group's most recent quests have brought them deep into the surrounding states of Arizona, Utah, and Colorado in pursuit of cultural and artistic understanding of this amazing region.

With many of their trips filled with long periods of time spent in their two 12-person vans roaming through the open states, one of the most challenging aspects is simply the wait to get from one point to another.

"The driving hours we've clocked since coming here have been long," said student Craig Drummond. "It's pretty taxing to have to spend the most of a day in a cramped van.

But it's worth it when we make it to places like Mesa Verde and Canyon De Chelly."

Located a little ways in to Arizona from the New Mexican Border, Canyon De Chelly is a renowned National park noted for its high walls and fertile canyon floor. For centuries the canyon has been the home of local farmers who spend their days minding their fields and livestock within the confined canyon, or working as artisans creating crafts to sell for the tourists who come virtually every day to visit and experience their verdant home.

"It's amazing when you're driving for hours and hours with nothing but desert surrounding you. Then, you get to this big hole in the ground expecting it to be just as barren only to find it so full of life that people can actually live there!" said student Emily Louise Mason.

For students, the cultural impact of being able to see and experience the canyon as well as the surrounding town of Chinle, was one of the greatest insights they've had since the start of the trip.

Following their departure back to New

Mexico, the students and faculty alike would also have the opportunity to have an October break of sorts, like their fellow students back in Vermont, by spending a week's time living on a house boat in Lake Powell, Utah.

For many, this reprieve was one of the most highly anticipated parts of the trip and gave them a much needed rest from the hustle and bustle of going place to place.

Hiking, Swimming, and boating were all incorporated into their stay along with their normal class time events. Despite weather taking turns for the worst in some instances with heavy rains, wind, and hail, not one of the group walked away from the experience without a fond memory.

"At one point we were stranded," said Becca Patis, one of a handful of freshman. "We had all gone out to go hiking and took speedboats to get to another part of the lake. Before we got there they both ran out of gas, a huge thunderstorm rolled in, and we ended up being rescued by these businessmen on vacation. Where else in the world does that count as class time!"

Reflections from London



ROY VESTRICH / SPARTAN CONTRIBUTOR
CSC Students Katelyn Merrit, Jackie Prevocki, Kaitlyn Gray, Grace Garner, Douglas Wemple and Kyle Hutchins thoroughly enjoying thier stay in London.

I'm very glad that I chose to spend the semester in London with this program. The world is a much bigger and busier place than just Castleton and now I have the chance to explore it. London has so much history and culture and people.

The time I've spent here so far has been a great learning experience. I've gone to the Tate modern art gallery and the British Museum, learned how to expertly navigate the tube system and made new friends from around the globe. My time here so far has made the whole program worth it, and we have just barely started classes.

Kyle Hutchins

Since arriving, I feel like we haven't stopped going. The first few days we all stayed awake for over 48 hours - how, I'm not quite sure. We existed off pure excitement and wonder. In the first 24 hours we all came to know one another like we had been friends at school for years, which wasn't true for most of us.

In those first few days I met about as many people as I know at CSC. Some I only waive to now, but others have come to be close friends. I was worried about the perception of Americans over here, but so far I haven't come across much contempt. I think the ratio of international students to UK students has helped, since many people are just as worried about fitting in as I am.

Although I don't dress the same way, so far no one has seemed to notice. Over the last few weeks the initial friendliness has dampened a bit for some people, but not the overall population. Everyone can't be nice all the time though, and I expected as much.

Grace Garner

Oh London! It's amazing! I have learned so much and met so many people from all over the world. Every day here brings along a new adventure. The people are great and it seems to be a very laid back place. I do miss the Vermont skies at night though!

Kaitlyn Gray

London has been the experience of a lifetime. These past two weeks have just flown by. It's incredible being submerged in a brand new culture and way of life. I've had the opportunity to meet many new incredible people from all over the world including Norway, Germany, Afghanistan, France, England, the Netherlands, and even some students from different parts of the United States.

Studying abroad has definitely been one of the best decisions I have ever made. It's awesome living in a new country and experiencing a different lifestyle first-hand. I still find it hilarious being told that I have a funny accent. It's amazing what you can learn from living among different cultures. I read somewhere that fewer than about 5 percent of college students study abroad. I definitely encourage anyone to take the initiative and do it. It's the experience of a lifetime!

Douglas Wemple

Despite the long plane ride and not knowing anyone, I did not find London overwhelmingly shocking. The city and university are far more diverse than I could have imagined. Only a small percentage of the people I meet are actually native to the country. Culturally people live similarly to what we experience, the largest contrast being the differences you find in any rural to urban travel or an unusually high alcohol consumption.

The aspect missing most predominantly is having my own vehicle. There is a jump from driving to relying on public transportation. Roehampton University is much larger than Castleton, with roughly 8000 students. Classes seem more rigid in structure and far more independent then the routine found at Castleton. All of my courses are assessed mostly by a paper that is worth 70 percent of the total grade. There are lectures only once a week, but they come with a long list of readings to do in your own time. The academia will prove tougher, but the fun that we have found easily outweighs any difficulties.

David Richards

I've only been in London for a little over two weeks now and I can honestly say it's been an incredible and amazing experience. In this small amount of time I have already met so many new friends from all around the world, and have seen many famous sites within central London. London is truly a beautiful city and I am so thankful to have this opportunity to expand my knowledge of the world.

Classes have just recently started, but I look forward to observing the different teaching styles in comparison to the U.S. school systems. Overall, although my journey is just beginning, I've already learned so much and it makes me enthused to think about the knowledge I will gain within these next three months that I am here.

Jacquelynn Prevocki

Community Service Club helps others

By Kimberly Vincent
Spartan Contributor

Seven students and advisor Jan Rouse sat in a circle for their first official Community Service Club meeting last Monday in the informal lounge of the Castleton State College Campus Center.

Club president, junior Stephanie Terry, began the meeting with the club mission statement and was followed by both new and old members introducing themselves and mentioning briefly why they joined the club.

"In high school I was in the Community Service Club and loved it. And wanted to continue in college," junior Melissa Shaw said.

Between volunteering an evening at the Boys & Girls Club in Rutland, spending a Saturday helping construct a house with Habitat for Humanity, or even plucking invading grass out of a local elementary school's playground, the club always has events planned.

"We're hoping to create an after school program at Benson Village School this year," Terry said.

Other events are also in the planning process. The club is hoping to volunteer at the Rutland County Humane Society and near the closing of the fall semester give gifts to low-income families in the community for the holiday season.

"I am hoping that this year we are able to do Upward Bound. Each year I help the students get involved with the local fire department of Castleton and the church. I enjoy just being able to talk to them," senior Andrea Grindea said.

Last semester members of the club traveled to New York City with members of Castleton's Student Government Association over winter break, trudging through the snowy sidewalks of NYC and talking to a junior class of secondary students in Harlem about their paths to college.

"I just like helping people," Terry commented. "I like being part of something and experiencing new things."



ENNIS DULING / SPARTAN CONTRIBUTOR
Picnic actors practice during dress rehearsal on September 29.

Actors shine in 'Picnic'

By Megan Harris
Castleton Spartan

Watching the Castleton Theatre Arts Department deliver William Inge's "Picnic," was a pleasure for anyone in attendance on Sept. 30 opening night.

Despite the rowdy and somewhat rude crowd present at the Thursday night performance, the cast and crew of this year's fall production did a phenomenal job in presenting a candid portrayal of a small Kansas town's Labor Day affairs.

Anyone who watched Austyn Bevin was blown away by his performance. A seemingly shy guy to most on campus, Bevin transformed himself into a brawling, boisterous, rowdy drinker with a pension for pretty ladies in a sincere and hilarious portrayal of Hal Carter.

Bevin wasn't the only stand out actor in this latest CSC production. The leading ladies played by Kathleen Eichler, Julie Banach, Candis Machia, Chelsea Smith and Julianne O'Connor were all

knockouts.

These young women all stood out as actresses with the ability to not only perform sincerely, but to add (or subtract in the case of Banach) age to their characters. I was especially impressed by the work done by O'Connor. She was hilarious, emotional, and brought great feeling to her "spinster" character.

I also thought the work of Banach was notable, at very least. She brought the youth of her character to life. I found her presence on stage comfortable and enthusiastic.

Alan Seymour, played by Andrew Donovan, was also a real treat to watch. In the emotional ending when he discovers the betrayal of his long time friend, it is not only easy to believe his character, but one feels compelled to.

I was sincerely impressed and a bit teary eyed when it when it came to the final scene of this play.

Smith, Machia and Bevin all stood out as capable and touching actors.

Bartending for a good cause

By Jessica Lawrenson
Castleton Spartan

The air is filled with the chatter of people, the clanking of glasses and the smell of chicken wings. It seems like a typical Wednesday night for the Iron Lantern. But it isn't a typical night. The restaurant has a special guest bartender, Castleton president Dave Wolk.

Wolk was on hand to help raise money for students from the music department to go to Italy to perform. All of his tips went to the cause.

"What other college president in the world would do this," asked Justin Garritt while sipping his long island iced tea.

A long island iced tea was the strangest drink that Wolk had to make because of all of the ingredients he said. Wolk did bartend about 40 years ago while he was in college, but even with the experience, Wolk didn't know how to make a Jagerbomb, something that was in high demand, because they did not have them when he was a bartender. He did learn quick, though, and made more during the night.

All together Wolk made around \$400 for the trip that costs \$3,500 per student for all 20 students going, according to music professor Sherrill Blodgett.

This fundraiser was started when Wolk was approached by Dave Forster, the owner of the Iron Lantern, to be a guest bartender. Wolk told Forster that he would only do it if his tips could go to a good cause, according to Forster.

Students and faculty enjoyed having Wolk making their drinks.



JESSICA LAWRENSON / CASTLETON SPARTAN

President Dave Wolk serves a couple shots of Jameson.

"I love having President Wolk wait on me," said Lori Phillips, director of campus events.

"He's the man," said Garritt.

Even Wolk enjoyed himself, despite the amount of work.

"My favorite part was just being with the students," said Wolk while taking time from his dinner and Doublebag to chat.

Movie Review: The Town

By Allison Clark
Castleton Spartan

Ben Affleck directed and co-wrote "The Town," based on Chuck Hogan's novel "Prince of Thieves." It's a movie about a world where crime is the family business and leaving is not an option. Doug MacRay, Affleck, stars as the leader of a band of bank robbers in Charleston, Mass. The film opens with the group pulling off a well-orchestrated heist. Except for the hostage. She wasn't really part of the plan. But she becomes part of the problem.

Claire, played by Rebecca Hall (known from The Prestige), is the hostage and bank manager who turns into a love interest. MacRay is looking for a way out of Charleston and a life of crime. He finds it in Claire, and he decides it is time to leave. It doesn't hurt his decision that the FBI is getting closer to pinning the bank robbery to MacRay and his group.

But watching Charleston in the rearview isn't easy. MacRay is entangled in dealings with James Coughlin played by Jeremy Renner ("The Hurt Locker" and "28 Weeks Later"). Coughlin won't let MacRay just walk away from their past history and the future jobs MacRay promised he'd plan.

MacRay's disillusionment with the society he inherited is an interesting look at crimes and the people who commit them. It's a way of life for the people of Charleston, and there isn't an exit strategy or an alternative.

Moments of honesty and introspection are balanced with action and intrigue in this fast-paced drama. Affleck develops his character, MacRay, with sincerity and believability from a thug with a Boston accent so thick at times that subtitles would have been nice to a trapped man trying to right wrongs and leave the past in the past.

Affleck can hold his own as a director and proves it with a story fueled by interesting characters and the lives they lead. "The Town" is definitely worth seeing.

Music Review: Senses Fail

By Megan Davis
Castleton Spartan

Senses Fail's new album The Fire is no exception to the awesome hardcore music that they've produced before. The band, which originated in New Jersey usually has songs or lyrics that are dedicated to their home state. This album stays true to that. In the song "Landslide," the singer sings "New Jersey becomes the new Atlantis, ringing in a new age of romances." The song starts out a little bit softer than many of their previous works, but the guitars have that same tinny and aged sound that all fans have come to know and love. The same guitar chords that are used to open the song continue throughout in the background as another guitar, the bass, and the drums enter and the song really comes together.

The title track, The Fire, starts off far more intense than Landslide. Low, rough guitar starts off the song as the drums slowly build in the background. Around sixteen seconds, the song explodes as the instruments all begin to play in unison. The singer enters, yelling, and the drums and guitars reach their full intensity as the song continues. There's a break right after the first chorus that's silent only long enough for you to take notice before the intensity comes crashing right back in. As the song begins to end, the singer screams only once, and the intensity of the instruments never dies down. There's no gradual decline, ever. It's just continuous



power and strength for the entire song.

Irish Eyes is another one of the songs that brings back the 'typical' Senses Fail sound of rough guitar sounds, intense drums, and the vocalist singing his heart out. Like The Fire it starts off very intense, and a vocalist finally screams in this song. He spends most of this album singing which follows the theme of previous albums, but he finally screams like you sometimes heard in prior albums as well. I am not sure if it's the same vocalist screaming, though, because the screaming vocals were much deeper, and they seemed much more trained than in the previous albums. Either way, I was quite impressed.

Those three songs are only a small snippet of the entire album, but the songs don't vary much from what I've said above. It's consistent with the theme; if you're a Senses Fail fan already, than you'll probably love this album just as much as I do. If you're not already a fan, but you like screaming and hard guitars, check it out and this could change your mind! However, if you're not a Senses Fail fan or a fan of the genre in general, you may not exactly be jumping for joy when you listen to it.

Señor Senior



Mike DelDotto

A viral video is something that gains mad popularity in a short amount of time through different types of file sharing over the World Wide Web, according to Urban Dictionary. The same works for other files. So if something goes viral, you bet your ass it's going to be popular. The Internet has destroyed what little attention span I, like many, managed to corral after puberty however and internet videos or other file-fads lose popularity quick. Something used to be popular online for weeks. Then the measure dwindled down to days, and now an internet video can be irrelevant within hours. I think the sudden drop in popularity is because some Internet videos you only need to see once, and if you're like me and show 100 people the video within the hour, chances are someone you want to show the video to will have already seen it.

But there are some things you come across that can stay popular for a while. I hope it's not too late to make fun of the girl from Duke that made the 42 page Sex List. She called it a "horizontal study." Basically she made a mock, senior thesis of her escapades with Duke athletes done in a Powerpoint format. To tell you the truth it was actually very well written and she DID do thorough research. It was mostly Lax Bros and baseball players. She called each dude a "subject" and a number for his order. Then it was "how they met," "memorable moments," yadda yadda, and last, but not least, a score (out of ten, baby). Lax Bros had the higher average rating, of course.

Is this supposed to be a bad thing? Like what if this was the other way around and there was a sex list about girls from a man? I bet I wouldn't be able to flip through one channel of my basic cable without seeing updates about the "asshole at Duke" or something. Definitely a double standard going on with sex lists apparently. But that's not what's important. What's important is the terror of viral videos.

I was watching on CNN that she feels sorry that this has happened, and that she only sent it to a few friends. I mean once something hits the web, that's it. It's there forever. Clicking "upload" is like pulling a trigger. BANG! You might miss and be ok, or you're in deep shit. This kind of scares me, but not really. I've done some stupid stuff and seen it documented with little recollection. But thankfully it's nothing stupid enough where it'll be sent from dorm room to dorm room across the U.S.

It sucks for the Duke girl, I guess. She'll be labeled all over the place forever now for something she probably would have just labeled for in college without the Internet. If I were her, I wouldn't have trusted my friends, (yeah I still would have made the Powerpoint). It sucks more for the athletes in the list probably, at least the ones who got crappy ratings.



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Nuclear Debate

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tricity generation for the U.S. Those promises did not translate into reality."

Shaffer admitted to the proverbial "bumps" along the way to successfully using nuclear energy, but he said those bumps were more politically charged than scientifically related.

Slocum rebutted with the fact that Vermont Yankee is a prime example of nuclear energy failings. Tritium was being leaked into groundwater, the company has suffered from poor management over the years and misinformation has been given to the public about the leaks.

Moderator Marselis Parsons, a former WCAX director, then asked questions to Shaffer and Slocum regarding certain global and local issues about nuclear energy. He asked why the U.S. cannot utilize nuclear energy properly, while other countries (such as France, who supplies 80% of their power from nuclear energy) are successful at this?

"Just because your neighbor or your friend pursues a bad idea, that is not necessarily a good argument for the U.S. to chase after it," Slocum quickly shot back.

Slocum added that transporting and disposing of nuclear waste was very dangerous to the public, to which Shaffer replied "what is evaluated are what are the odds that it would happen? And yes, you could have a very bad accident, but it would be down in the levels of getting hit by a meteor in this building, and the record proves that."

So what did students think when the debate was done?

Michelle Rossman, a freshman, thinks she's more in favor of alternative energy sources after listening to the debate.

"They both have really good, strong arguments. I didn't really have an opinion when I came here. I learned about both sides, but I think I agree with the solar side because there are less dangers," she said.

Robert Gorruso, also a freshman, wasn't swayed that way, though.

"They both knew good points and altogether had good arguments. I think I still support nuclear energy, though," he said.

Senior Tyler Shevchik agreed with Gorruso

"Both of the guys had a logical case and knew their stuff, but I think I agree with Mr. Shaffer because I support nuclear energy," he said.

Puppy Love

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ning."

Velvet is an average size, four-year-old black lab clearly with a mind of her own!

Vigilante got Velvet from his friend who got her from his dad's friend.

"We were also lucky because she came with collars and couple bags of food so money really hasn't been an issue. And when I go to class, my roommates and my neighbors look after her. It makes it so much easier when other people help" Vigilante said.

So what happens to their dogs when students graduate? That's a problem, according to the Humane Society officials.

"Unfortunately we see a spike always around April, May, and June. Students move different places and their landlord won't let them keep the animals, so they come to us. And we take them in. But the reason college students want a dog is because they like to have a sense of companionship with an animal. After all it, is a man's best friend" said, Goodman

Mills heads WGS

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right choice."

Now settled into her new environment, Mills' goal is to work toward offering Castleton students a BA in Women's and Gender Studies. A minor in the subject has been offered since 1994.

"There is no definitive timeline for the transition," said Mills, "but we're working on making it happen sooner than later."

Mills said that the differences between Georgia State University and Castleton are rather extreme, but also positive.

"Georgia State has 30,000 undergraduate students. I don't even know how many people were in my department; that's how big it was. I feel like the contributions I make here are registered in a completely different way: they're meaningful immediately."

Mills has two main goals that she would like to fulfill in her new position. One, mentioned previously, is to offer Women's and Gender Studies as a major. She said that she will rely mostly on her graduate experience at Georgia State. However, she mentioned that she may communicate with nearby schools that currently offer the major, such as Middlebury and UVM.

Her other goal is to help students to "feel like feminism is for everybody."

"I want to help dispel myths about feminism as the 'f-word.'" -Melinda Mills

"I want students to realize that feminism is not something bad. I want to help dispel myths about feminism as the 'f-word.' I don't want it to be seen as something 'just for women.'"

Mills has enjoyed her move north, especially, she said, the pace of life.

"I love not having so much traffic," she said. "I don't miss having to use public transportation and going nowhere fast. People seem to enjoy there time more here. Everyone has a really balanced life."

Although she has only been teaching for a few weeks, some students are beginning to take notice.

"She is very intelligent from every angle," said senior Christina Cole.

"I think she's a little intimidated being at a new school," said Josh Coty, a sophomore History Education major, "but she most definitely has a the potential to be a good professor."



Skate Park is open



BRIDGIT CONNORS/ CASTLETON SPARTAN

Skateboarders grind, slide, and ride features in the new skate park on campus.

Paying with paper or plastic?

By Ali Flewelling

Castleton Spartan Contributor

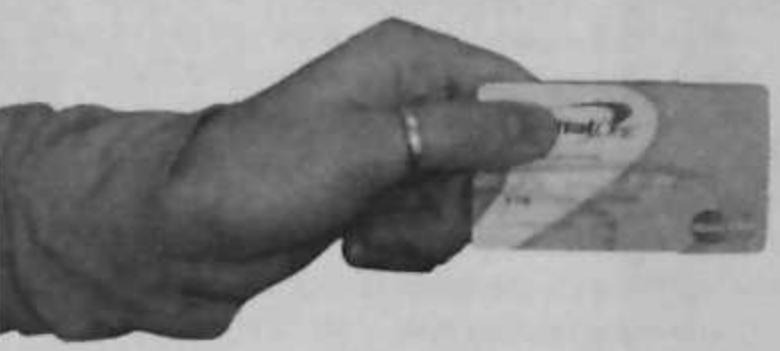
Student mailbox number 416, you have mail. You sift through the stack of unwanted envelopes because you haven't checked your overflowing mail in weeks. The typical "junk mail" fills your hands as you look for the nearest trashcan.

But wait, you've been preapproved for a credit card. All you have to do is tear open the envelope and your spending power is tripled.

So, what will it be, trash or treasure?

In a 2009 study conducted by Sallie Mae, nearly 84 percent of undergraduate students had at least one credit card. The study also concluded that the average college student has 4.6 credit cards. At Castleton however, students seem to be more conservative when it comes to credit card debt.

After surveying 20 random Castleton students, it was discovered that only seven had a credit card, while the remaining 13 did not, making Castleton a minority as far as national statistics are concerned.



Only two students surveyed had more than one credit card.

But what are Castleton credit card users buying?

The most expensive purchase by those interviewed was upwards of a \$1,000 for a laptop computer.

The cheapest purchase was 44 cents.

For a stamp.

"I only have one card," said Elicia Mailhiot, a Castleton sophomore.

Mailhiot admits that she got the card for extra expenses at school, but she sometimes uses it to buy other things.

"I usually only use it for expensive stuff," she said. "I paid like \$600 for snow tires with my card once."

She giggles.

"My parent's weren't too happy about that one."

Mailhiot tries to keep her balance fairly low so that she never owes too much.

"I usually put off paying for it as long as I can," Mailhiot said. "My balance is between \$100 to \$200 on a good month."

When it comes to buying school supplies, whether a pencil or a \$300 book, students go to the school store. Behind the scenes, in an office that is almost directly behind the cash register wall, John Shwaner, manager of the school store, sits in a black rolling chair and gazes at his computer screen.

"Most students use student account vouchers so that they are charged directly to their student bill," said Shwaner.

"Second would be credit cards."

Shwaner says its all depends on a particular students buying habits as to how they use their credit cards.

"We had a student a couple of days ago who used a

credit card for an 80-cent purchase," he said. "With a credit card it's convenient, you don't have to worry about the security of carrying money around."

With college students being the number one prey of credit card companies, there are many opportunities for them to increase their debt.

According to one Master Card representative, who said



she is unauthorized to speak about undergraduate spending habits, most students are offered credit cards in conjunction with their personal bank.

But not all Castleton students are ready to trade in their Benjamin's for plastic and it might be a little harder for others to get a card these days.

A credit card reform law, which took action last February, enacts strict regulations against credit card companies for advertising on college campuses. The law also makes it more difficult for individuals under age 21 to get one.

"I know it's a great way to establish credit, but I don't have a job so there is no point in me getting a credit card right now," said Tony D'Ottavio, a senior at Castleton.

For D'Ottavio, being practical wasn't a tough choice.

"Having one right now is just not an option for me," he said without hesitation. "I don't buy things I can't afford and I don't have a job to pay it back so why use it?"

Although D'Ottavio said he hasn't considered getting a credit card while in college, he said he might get one after he graduates.

Aaron Hutchins, a Castleton junior, said credit card horror stories are enough to keep him away.

"I've heard of people having problems," he said. "Going over their limit and ending up in debt, it ends up being a huge problem for them."

For Jennifer Callesis, of student services, getting students to think is half the battle.

"Part of our job is to help students keep their debt low," Callesis said.

She sits in her cubical. The walls are covered with photos and what little shelving she has is taken up by plants. A blue beta fish sits on her desk in a tiny glass tank. She eagerly awaits the next student with a welcoming smile.

"We keep a tight rein on students," she said. "We tell them 'don't get into more debt than you have too.'"

Callesis is confident in Castleton students.

"When they borrow it's because they need it," she said. She understands that establishing credit is a seemingly impossible task without at least one credit card.

"I wouldn't recommend it and I don't want to encourage it, but it's the only way to establish credit," Callesis said. "Today you can't do anything without established credit."

If they do chose to get a credit card, she says timely payments are the best way to go.

"If you buy something and pay it back that's the best way," she said.

Klein leads by example

By Rob Doran
Castleton Spartan

Every sport, every game, and every athlete has one moment that defines who they are for their team as well as for themselves. Recently, Maggie Klein had hers.

During the Western New England Invitational on Oct. 16 Klein was on her way to another top finish, her third on the year, when she wasn't feeling so well. Without hesitation, or slowing down, she turned her head and got sick, and tried not to dirty her uniform.

"It was miserable," said Klein laughing. "But whatever."

This is the kind of determination that has helped the Castleton Cross-Country team remain competitive no matter what kind of competition they see.

Klein has been a leader all season for this

team winning North Atlantic Conference runner of the week four times in seven weeks.

She believes her team has come together this year through injuries and really has competed well.

Her coach, John Klein, agrees.

"Some injuries have bothered us on the bottom half of the women's team but we have a couple girls that should step up in next weeks meet."

The men's team has had a few top runners as well, but most recently Nohea King and Isaac French have stepped up for top 10 finishes.

King raced to a 10th place finish in Middlebury with a time, just over 29 minutes.

French followed up King's performance the following week with a second place finish at the Western New England Invitational.

"Isaac has really come far this year, he has



JOHN KLEIN / SPARTAN CONTRIBUTOR
Maggie Klein runs toward victory.

stepped up for us pushing closer to Kings finishing times," Coach Klein said.

Both the men and women's teams are looking for success as they travel to Maine Maritime for the NAC Championships on Halloween.

V-Ball tickled pink

Kristie Dunchus
Castleton Spartan

The Castleton women's volleyball team was digging pink on Tuesday Oct. 19 when they defeated Southern Vermont, 3-0, by scores of 25-23, 25-23 and 20-25 in non-conference action.

Castleton held this event for Breast Cancer Awareness Month and is one of many schools around the country who host Dig Pink matches to help educate awareness and raise funds to help fight breast cancer.

But even with the festivities going on around them, Castleton was able to focus and come out on top with a victory. Ashley Kepaa had a team-high 10 kills, 12 assists, one service ace, 11 digs and a match-high three blocks to pace Castleton offensively.

The Spartans have won five out of their last seven games and with playoffs right around the corner Kepaa believes that the Spartans are playing their best volleyball at this point in the season.

"We finally found a rotation that works for everyone and one that makes everyone happy and produces wins," Kepaa said.

Kepaa believes that although the team struggled a bit in the beginning of the season they are ready and prepared to come out on top when they begin playoffs.

"Our biggest problem was learning how to close games, but we are starting to overcome that," said Kepaa. "This team has really grown up and grown together, and we are ready."

Head coach Bethany Torrice agrees.

"I think we are playing our best right now," said Torrice. "I think that has to do with team chemistry and just the talent and the ability of our players. It's just clicking for us."

Torrice is very optimistic about playoffs and believes her team has a really strong chance.

"Anything can happen. We just have to put our best effort forth every game," Torrice said.

Torrice said that the team needs to work on its consistency and capitalize on its success when the Spartans are playing their best volleyball. "We need to just stick to what we do best," Torrice said.

Castleton earned the fourth seed in the tournament after traveling to Maine Saturday Oct. 23 and falling to the University of Maine-Farmington 3-1 and defeating Green Mountain 3-2. The Spartans will travel to Norwich Thursday Oct. 28 for non-conference action and will then host Green Mountain Saturday Oct. 30 for the first round.



Courtney Chadburn rips a shot against Thomas in a 7-0 win.

JOHN SHRAMEK / CASTLETON SPARTAN

Women ride offense into NAC

By John Shramek
Castleton Spartan

For four years in a row the Castleton State College women's soccer team has been unable to attain its primary goal of winning the North Atlantic Conference championship. This year, though, it feels like the team can do anything it wants without much effort.

"We are playing really well together," junior Maria Arnot said. "Our team chemistry is definitely better than it has been for the past three years."

Junior Kelly Tetreault agreed.

"The team chemistry this year is really good, and I think that is the reason that our team is doing well," she said.

With its 2-1 victory over Fitchburg State on Oct. 21, the team finished its regular-season campaign with an impressive 14-2-1 record. They also finished 6-0-1 in NAC play. The only tie of the season came against Husson, the team that beat them in the NAC finals last season.

The Spartans, who earned the top seed in the NAC and a first-round bye, will now have to wait until Oct. 31 before playing in

the semifinal game. The team is hopeful that the bye won't result in it losing some of its regular-season luster.

"It won't be a problem as long as we have a good week of practices," Arnot said. "We just have to stay pumped up and get ready for whoever we are going to play."

Junior Kelly Gerken also said that the break might be beneficial for the team.

"We have a couple injuries that definitely need the rest, and it's a good amount of time to prepare for Sunday's game," she said.

With an offense that has so many weapons, it's difficult to worry about rust being a factor in the Spartans' postseason run.

This season the Spartans have three players with double-digit numbers for goals scored. The group is currently led by junior Courtney Chadburn. Chadburn reached the 20-goal mark when she scored two against Fitchburg State. Hilary Cooke has registered 15 goals in her first year with the team, and Megan Blongy has added 12 scores. The team also has eight other players that have scored at least one goal so far.

And if the offense does happen to fail the team in the clutch, the defense has showed

that it can keep them in the game against good teams in the NAC. In fact, the Spartans have only allowed one goal to be scored against them during NAC play this season. That goal came in 4-1 win over Maine Maritime on Oct. 16.

"I think that both the offense and defense are equally important to the success of our team," Tetreault said. "That being said, if our offense is struggling, you can count on our defense to support them and vice versa."

With the season that the Spartans have put together, the players know that expectations for them are as high as ever. The players, though, feel that they will be able to deliver no matter what team they have to play.

"I don't want to jinx us on this one, but all season long our goal has been to win the NAC," Tetreault said. "And in my opinion nothing is going to stop us from reaching our goal."

Gerken agreed with her teammate, adding that if the team has to go through Husson to win the NAC, it will be an even better feeling.

"If it happens to be Husson, it's going to be an all out battle for the revenge of last year's final game," she said.

Field Hockey team set to begin post-season play

By Kristie Dunchus
Castleton Spartan

The Castleton Field Hockey team went 1-1 this weekend when they faced off against Thomas College on Saturday Oct. 16 and Maine-Farmington on Sunday.

The Spartans defeated the Terriers 4-1. Castleton out-shot Thomas 20-2 and held a 14-1 advantage in penalty corners. Castleton took the lead early scoring just four minutes into play. Senior Sarah Flare earned her 12th goal of the season with an assist from fellow classmate Courtney Nolan, who also had a goal early in the second half. Freshmen Rachel Proulx earned her 11th goal of the season just minutes after Flare scored, pushing the lead to 2-0 and freshman Blake Wardwell also chipped in a goal

in the last few minutes of the match.

The next day didn't go as Castleton would have hoped. The Spartans fell to the University of Maine-Farmington 3-2 in overtime.

Castleton led 2-1 until the terriers scored with just over eight minutes remaining in regulation. The Spartans fell in a very competitive and aggressive overtime period.

The game was very evenly matched as Castleton just barely held a lead in shots 21-17 and penalty corners 13-6. Farmington has now won four of the last six meetings between the two schools with two games going into overtime, and just one being decided by more than one goal.

Senior Courtney Nolan believes her team played as hard as they could but if they played like

they are capable of there is not a doubt in her mind that the score would have been reversed.

"I feel that we played well but not to the best of our ability," said Nolan. "If we had played to the best of our ability then we would have won that game, hands down."

Head coach Tammy Landon agrees with Nolan and gives credit to Farmington's hard work and determination to win.

"UMF is a physical team that never gives up and even though we had more offensive opportunities we still lost," Landon said.

"We have to convert goals on more of our opportunities and then not allow the one goal that is costing us games," continued Landon. "We know we can compete with them and hopefully can win a playoff game if we face them again."

Landon thinks her team will be re-energized when it comes time for the play-offs. She says it will be very tough to get wins because the top teams in the conference are all very competitive and there have been numerous games that the team has won or lost by only one goal or went into overtime.

Landon, however, has a plan for her team that will give them the competitive edge.

"We feel strongly that we can compete with any of our conference competitors on any given day," said Landon. "We are preparing a change in our over-all system that I believe will help give us an advantage."

Landon is very optimistic about the remainder of the season and believes that if her team just does the little things it will put them on top.

"In order to be successful we have to capitalize on our scoring opportunities and finish more goals while shutting down our opponents," said Landon. "We have to play with high energy and utilize our skills and speed and most importantly communicate on the field and work together as a team."

"We are preparing well and still very much hoping to be in contention for a 2010 NAC Championship," Landon said.

Castleton traveled to and defeated Simmons College 4-2 on Saturday Oct. 23 and will end their regular season schedule at Rensselaer College Wednesday at 6 p.m. The Spartans will host the North Atlantic Conference quarterfinal game on Saturday Oct. 30.



The team poses with their NEAC championship plaque, Michelle Podnecky (right) returns a serve during practice.

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Sweet Victory

Women's tennis wins second straight North Eastern Athletic Conference title

By Rob Doran
Castleton Spartan

Fall success has been a mainstay for the women's tennis team recently, and this year was no different. Dominating may be the only word to describe the season women's tennis has had.

With a record of 11-1, 6-0 in the North Eastern Athletic Conference, the Lady Spartans rolled into the NEAC final with eyes on nothing but the prize. Waiting for them is Lyndon State, who the Spartans have already handled twice on the season with relative ease.

"Heading into singles up 3-0 gave us so much confidence. We just played."

-Brittni Racine

"We knew going in that they had stacked their roster so there were some nerves, but we managed to almost shut them out," senior Brittni Racine said.

Even with the pressure of being in the championship, the Spartans had no problem with the Hornets from Lyndon State, punishing them by a score of 8-1.

Castleton swept the doubles portion of the match, giving them a 3-0 lead going into singles action. Any worries about a stacked roster had dissipated.

Michelle Podnecky and Kate Bucci took an 8-3 win in first doubles. Following this were equally impressive doubles wins by Racine and Chelsea Crehan, 8-1, and Kristen McGinn and Alyssa Panasci, 8-2.

"Heading into singles up 3-0 gave us so much confidence. We just played," Racine said.

Just playing is exactly what helped them win the NEAC.

Throughout the year, first-year coach Rob Purdy had these girls working on every part of their game. Needless to say, there was no learning curve for any of the ladies.

With a combined win percentage of .833, .917 in conference play, the Spartans look poised to continue their winning ways for



years to follow.

Podnecky was a force at number one this season, posting an overall record of 10-2. For any opponent who thought that the assault was over after the strong number one, they were sadly mistaken.

Racine, McGinn, and Crehan all posted records with at least 12 wins. Those numbers can make it tough for any opponent looking for confidence to find it.

Banfield, golf team end season with top-5 finish

By Mike DelDotto
Castleton Spartan

The Captain's Golf Course in beautiful, Brewster, Mass. played host to the New England Intercollegiate Golf Association championship on Oct. 18 and 19. It is considered the largest and oldest college golf tournament ever. More than 182 golfers from NCAA Divisions I through III turned out for the competition to compete together.

In the midst of the 31 teams was the Castleton Men's Golf team. The squad finished 16th in the overall tournament standings and fifth among the 21 Division III teams. The Spartans had a two-day total of 638 (315, 323). Husson led Division III with a two-day total of 613.

Pacing Castleton was junior and 2010 North Atlantic Conference Player of the Year, Will Banfield, who shot back-to-back rounds of 76. His two-day total of 152 was only four-over par.

Castleton finished its up and down season with some questions.

"We had our moments," said junior Cam Wood. "[The season] was inconsistent is all I can really say."

On Oct. 9 and 10, the Spartans finished second in the six-team NAC Championship.

"Some people started playing better towards the end of the regular season," Wood continued. "It was tough for all of us to get going together."

ECFC title in sight for Spartans

By Mike DelDotto
Castleton Spartan

The Castleton Football team continued its impressive winning ways with a 55-51 win over Husson on Oct. 23 in Bangor, Maine.

In only their second season, the Spartans are 4-1 in the conference with a last-second field goal win over the famous Gallaudet on the road, and a beautifully called two-minute drill with no timeouts to beat a powerful Mount Ida program

on homecoming.

Castleton is one win out and a SUNY Maritime loss of a share at first place in the conference. The success has taken head coach Rich Alencio slightly by surprise.

"We thought we'd be in the running for the conference next year," laughed Alencio. "We're a full year ahead of what we thought."

Sophomore quarterback Shane Brozowski continued his stellar season and went 34-52 for 458 with three touch-

downs and an interception in the win over the Eagles. The Husson game, at times, seemed like a shootout with each team combining for a game total of 1363 yards. The score was 41-29 Spartans going into halftime.

Husson scored twice to open the half to gain just its second lead of the contest 43-41. Castleton running back Tyler Carpenter scored to open up the fourth quarter and reclaim the Spartan lead but the Eagles countered right away with a score

to stay ahead 51-48.

Castleton retook the lead for good on a two-yard Carpenter push.

With football's success and Brozowski and company's incredible numbers, the Castleton community has come alive with Spartan fever.

"People actually consider themselves part of the program," said Alencio. "We hear things like 'WE got Becker'. It's good to hear 'we'."

Castleton returns home against Becker on Saturday Oct. 30 at 12:00 pm.

Men's soccer puts up football numbers



JOHN SHRAHEK / CASTLETON SPARTAN

Billy Lund strikes for goal against Plymouth State.

By Mike DelDotto
Castleton Spartan

The Castleton men's soccer team destroyed St. Joseph's College of Vermont 14-0 on two separate hat-tricks from senior Josh Costa and freshman Nick Hallett.

Castleton was up 5-0 just 14 minutes into the match after Costa finished his three strikes and sophomore Trevor Kotrady sent home two of his own. The lopsided score was not the result of bad blood between the two teams, according to head coach John Werner.

"The reserves started playing 75 out of the 90 minutes," said Werner. "You can't tell them not to get out there and not score and not do their best."

The Spartans' bench joined the starters in scoring and controlling ball possession for the remainder of the game. Sophomore Billy Lund scored next, followed by a pair from Hallet, giving way to a Zac Conlogue score in the 43rd minute of the first half. This put the Spartans up 9-0 at the break.

Junior Sean Leggett scored two big goals and Hallet finished his hat-trick in the second half. They were joined by freshmen John Kendall and David Devost in the scoring column.

Keepers Andy LaCroix (two saves) and Nate Koenemann combined for the shutout as Koenemann made three saves in the second half.

With the win, Castleton finishes its regular season 13-5 and will enter the North Atlantic Conference playoffs as the number one overall seed.

"It's been a really good season," said Werner. "It's a great group of guys that represent the college well."

Werner continued to speak about the youth on the team, saying that only five of the 11 starters are upperclassmen.

"Those seniors are very good," said Werner with a laugh. "If Costa isn't conference player of the year it would be a travesty."

And is this talented number one seed ready to do damage in the NAC tournament?

"Absolutely," said Werner. "We'll be disappointed if we don't win the tournament. Nothing's for granted in soccer, but I like our chances and our guys."

Castleton receives a first-round bye and will host the winner of the Lyndon State and Maine Maritime quarterfinal game on Saturday Oct. 30.

"Let's put it this way," added Werner. "This team ranks right up there with the best [teams] since I've been here."

Sports talk



Chadwick Cioffi

It's playoff time, which just happens to be my favorite time of the year. All of the Spartan teams look to fair well in conference play, but which teams are going to come through in the clutch this fall?

I had question marks about the field hockey team as the season began, but the offensive attack has left me thinking the Spartans are a possible sleeper in the North Atlantic Conference this postseason. The scoring ability of Sarah Flore, Courtney Nolan, Kealy Chipman, and Rachel Preusser leaves me thinking the Spartans could find revenge on those NAC teams that bested them in the regular season. But with three conference losses to Husson, St. Joseph's, and Maine-Farmington the Spartans are going to need to play picture-perfect field hockey to make it to the championship. I don't see a NAC title in the cards for the Spartans.

After witnessing Brandon Bergeron dive out of nowhere and bat the football away from a Mount Ida receiver I've been thinking this team could shake up the conference. Now a month later, the Spartans are no longer playing the role of little brother to conference opponents and have instead fought back and won close games. Castleton finishes the season with Becker at home, then at Norwich. The Spartans are neck and neck with the Cadets for second place in the conference as both teams are 4-1 in conference-play, but with Castleton's 3-0 road record this season I think the Spartans can finish the season strong beating Becker and sneaking a last minute win against Norwich.

The women's soccer team was supposed to be good this year, but there was no way for me to anticipate this type of dominance. Of course Courtney Chadburn was going to score at least 20 goals, that was a no brainer to me, but Hilary Cooke and Megan Blongy have been just as deadly to opponents. The Spartans are 11-0-1 in their last 12 games and have a bye into the NAC semifinal round. With the bitter taste of defeat still in their mouths I would look for the Spartans to claim the NAC title. I don't see how this team can be stopped at this point.

The men's soccer team has been equally impressive this season as it enters the NAC tournament with a 7-0 record and a bye to the semifinal round. Everything points to a NAC title when it comes to this team. The Spartans are on a four game winning streak, Josh Costa and Trevor Kotrady have been unstoppable, and the defense looks zoned in. I would feel like a fool not picking the Spartans to win the NAC.

Bold Predictions: Chadburn scores two goals to win the NAC title, the men's soccer team doesn't get scored on in the NAC tournament, field hockey makes an appearance in the NAC title game but loses a close one, and the football team upsets Norwich to end an impressive season.



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Castleton, Vermont

Smoke-filled library halts studying



JOHN SHRAMEK/ SPARTAN CONTRIBUTOR

The Castleton Fire Dept. responded to call.

By Kayla Miller
Spartan Contributor

Lights flashed and a loud sound soon followed each blink. On Wednesday, Oct. 27 right about 6 p.m. the Castleton library fire alarms went off. Some students slowly packed up their backpacks, walked outside, sat on the benches, and waited to hear the news. But others took this situation more seriously and scurried out of the library, leaving all their belongings wherever they were last.

"On entering the building there was heavy smoke coming from the first floor door that led to the basement," said Castleton firefighter Ian Hoyt when questioned.

Approximately 10 members of the Castleton Fire Department responded to the call.

Fire officials said the basement's circulating pump burned out, sending smoke seeping up to the first floor. They used a thermal imaging camera to check the pump's temperature, which happened to be 1,500 degrees.

"The smoke had to be vented up to the first floor, then out through the main doors using vent fans," said Hoyt.

Nothing was damaged in the library, but students started buzzing when it was announced that it wouldn't be open for a while. Students left with unfinished homework, projects and studying, putting a halt on their night.

An e-mail was sent out by librarian Sandy Duling about 50 minutes after the fire. *Continued on page 6...*

Does "G-Moe" belong in the Hall of Fame?

By Maria Arnot
Castleton Spartan



George Price

In 1985, during his freshman year, George "G-Moe" Price was selected Rookie of the Year by the Vermont State Coaches Association and was selected for the Mayflower Conference All-Conference Team - the contemporary North Atlantic Conference.

As a sophomore, he was selected for the National Association of Intercollegiate

Colleges All-District 5 Team, Vermont's All-State 1st Team and he received Honorable Mention All-American.

As a junior, he scored his 1000th point, and as a senior, he was selected team MVP. During each season, he led the team in points.

The Castleton Athletics Hall of Fame was established in 1988 to pay tribute to the great athletes, coaches, teams and contributors to Castleton athletics, according to the school Web site.

To many, these stats show that Price, is easily qualified to be in the Hall of Fame.

But he's not.

"Honestly, it's unbelievable to me that so much time has passed and George is not in the hall," said classmate Don Lehman, who, along with another classmate Blake Garrison, has started a grassroots movement to try to get Price inducted.

Although athletes cannot be inducted until 10 years after they graduate, Price has been an alumnus for about 20 years. Some believe that his induction is well over-due.

So Garrison and Lehman have made it their priority to remedy that, most recently by starting a Facebook page entitled "Put G-Moe in the Hall of Fame" in hopes to rally fellow alumni to join in lobbying the Hall of Fame committee to reconsider George this year and finally give him his well deserved place.

So just what is halting his induction, anyway?

According to an e-mail sent to Lehman from Communications and Sports Coordinator at Castleton, Jeff Weld, who is also member of the Hall of Fame Committee, although Price's athletic achievements certainly "speak to that of a Hall of Fame candidate," it is reserved for members who achieved these standards in more than just their athletic endeavors.

Price isn't sure what that means, and Weld and Athletic Director Deanna Tyson didn't offer much help saying only that Hall of Fame Committee meetings aren't public and that at this point the committee feels there have been more deserving candidates.

"I don't really know what the criteria are, but for my four years there at Castleton I did everything that was asked of me on the basketball team and didn't get in any trouble off the court. I had the one incident I was involved in after I graduated, and that's the only thing I can think about ... I think I was a role model on campus," said Price.

The incident, which took place in the fall of '89, after he graduated, occurred after a Green Mountain soccer player punched Castleton soccer player Paul Storey. After the game, tensions grew and a fight erupted in the parking lot by the Physical Plant.

"There were probably about 25 people involved in some way, but I guess the 6'3" basketball player was the only one they identified,"
-Blake Garrison, Castleton Student

"In an instant, there were several fights erupting between fans and players. The fight was over fairly quickly and I recall pulling people apart and George being next to me," said Garrison.

After the game, Price told Garrison he felt like they might be singling him out.

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CASTLETON'S PHOTOJOURNALISM CLASS

Professor Scott Roper unloads homework and books from his long-commute friendly Prius.

Profs go the distance

By Alex Esser
Spartan Contributor

One hundred and seventeen miles is quite a long distance. Now multiply that by two and you get two hundred and thirty four. To some that's the distance traveled for a family vacation. But for professor Scott Roper, that's just his daily commute.

"I commute from Lyndeborough, a small town near Peterborough, N.H. My drive is about 117 miles, which comes out to about 2-1/2 hours," he said.

Business professor Tom Rutkowski also spends a lot of time in a car.

"Glenmont, N.Y. is south of Albany 7 miles. Eighty-seven miles here," he said. "That's the shortest way I know. That's country roads, that's up and down by farms, that's over by the slate quarries, that's out there."

But why don't these professor's move closer to work?

"We have a really nice house in a nice neighborhood and my wife's happy, and her job is near there, and one of us has to drive so it's me," Rutkowski said, with a smile.

Professor David Blow, who commutes from Queensbury, N.Y. four days a week says, "I guess I stay in Queensbury because A) My wife

won't move and B) seriously I love the area there. There's a small ski mountain 10 minutes away, Lake George, Saratoga, Albany and the Adirondacks near by."

For Roper, he's not moving because he lives in the middle of the two places he and his wife work.

"My wife Stephanie is a history professor at a college in southern New Hampshire, and I don't want to make her commute any worse than it already is," he said.

Marketing professor Thomas Spangenberg now resides close by in Hubbardton, but he is very familiar with a commute in a past life.

"I commuted to and from New York City for 25 years. Commuting to Castleton is a no brainer. There's no traffic, no stop lights, and I can stop to get a muffin," he said.

But driving to campus on a weekly basis, as tedious as it may sometimes be, does have some benefits, professors say.

"It's a beautiful ride and I get to see a lot of nature," Blow states with an excited look.

"I'd have to say the scenery is the best part of the drive. I go through some nice parts of New Hampshire and Vermont," Roper said.

But the abundant nature on the drive can be a detriment too.

"That's also one of the worst parts. I will stop for any squirrel, chipmunk, turtles and everything else that I can," Rutkowski said.

He's not alone.

"The first time I saw a turkey I stopped the car!" said English professor Elizabeth Ashworth. "The first time I thought, oh those crows are big and then you get up on it and you're like, oh it's a Turkey! I'm from California, you're not going to see that stuff in the city," she adds.

Wildlife and scenery aside, sitting in a car for a few hours at a time can really take a toll on your body physically, some professors said.

"It takes a toll on my back, knees, and ankles," stated Rutkowski.

"I find that sitting in one position for 2-1/2 hours isn't as easy as it was in my 20's and 30's, and I get a little sore," Roper adds.

The drive can also be mentally draining, they said.

Winters in Vermont can be hazardous to say the least. Between snow, ice, rain and wind, what is normally a smooth sailing commute, can turn into one heck of a nail biter.

"It's the ice that makes me crazy, but then I just make my husband drive me," Ashworth says with a smile.

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Students shocked by Ugandan crisis

By Kelsey LaPoint
Castleton Spartan

Voices were hushed as students, community members and faculty filed into Herrick Auditorium and quietly took their seats in front of the movie screen. Normally, if a movie is shown in Herrick, students come toting blankets, pillows and popcorn while still in their pajamas. But this movie wasn't like all the others - it presented everyone with a more serious topic to consider.

The movie, "The Rescue of Joseph Kony's Child Soldiers," was hosted by an activist group called Invisible Children. They have been traveling around the region for 10 weeks spreading the word about the more than 24-year long war in Northern Uganda.

Unsettling photos and videos of boys not more than 12 years old holding machine guns in the jungles of Uganda stunned the audience. Simul-

taneously shown were the mutilated and dead victims of the war, which caused audience members to gasp. But there was more to this movie than just shock value.

The documentary was meant to educate people specifically about Joseph Kony, a rebel leader in Uganda who claims to have spiritual powers and leads the Lord's Resistance Army against Uganda's government. In order to provide troops for his army,

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Akello Brenda, Ugandan native, spoke at the showing.

Inexcusable behavior

By Nick Minarik
Castleton Spartan

On the afternoon of Oct. 9, the crowd at the homecoming football game contributed to a rather unique series of experiences. As written about in the last issue of The Spartan, some intoxicated fans gave president Wolk and two public safety officers a particularly hard time.

Complete details on the event can be found in the last issue of the paper. The main areas of interest at this point are that the three fans were completely drunk at just after 1 p.m., and that they got hostile with president Wolk.

Now, it was reported that all the young men involved blew over a .20 BAC after the incident. Some people may say that they were so intoxicated that they weren't even aware of what they were doing. We at The Spartan feel like it is ridiculous to use that as a justification, especially with the incident taking place just after midday.

How belligerently drunk do you have to be to start harassing the president of the college? It's one slightly more excusable thing to start badgering other fans in the stands, which inevitably comes along with the spirit of the sport. This is nothing like that though; the incident started with the badgering of the president of the college and led to the involvement of public safety officers, one of whom needed stitches and the other needed to forcefully subdue a man.

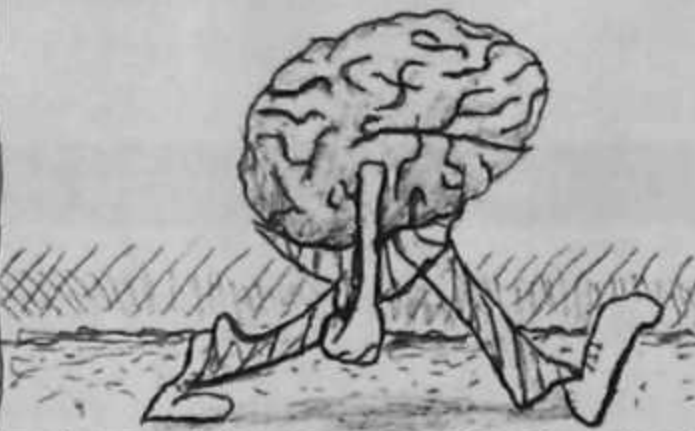
Along with that, rumors and some firsthand reports say that one of the men actually took a swing at president Wolk. While no one has been able to definitively confirm or deny this, the number of individuals who claim its legitimacy is startling. This adds to the question of how incredibly intoxicated someone has to be to reach this state of idiocy.

Tailgating is one of the traditions of football. It's about barbecue, socializing and sure sometimes breaking out a few beers to share. It's almost inevitable that at least a few drunken fans slip into the stadium despite the best efforts at the gate. That being said, the aforementioned fans should be able to control themselves like the adults they are. There is no excuse for the behavior that took place outside the stadium, regardless of the time of day. The fact it was just after noon simply makes it worse.

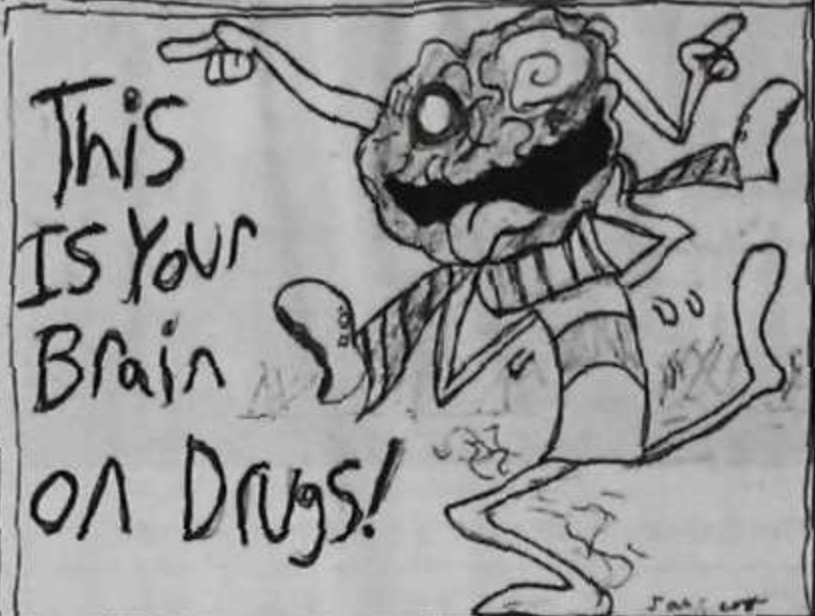
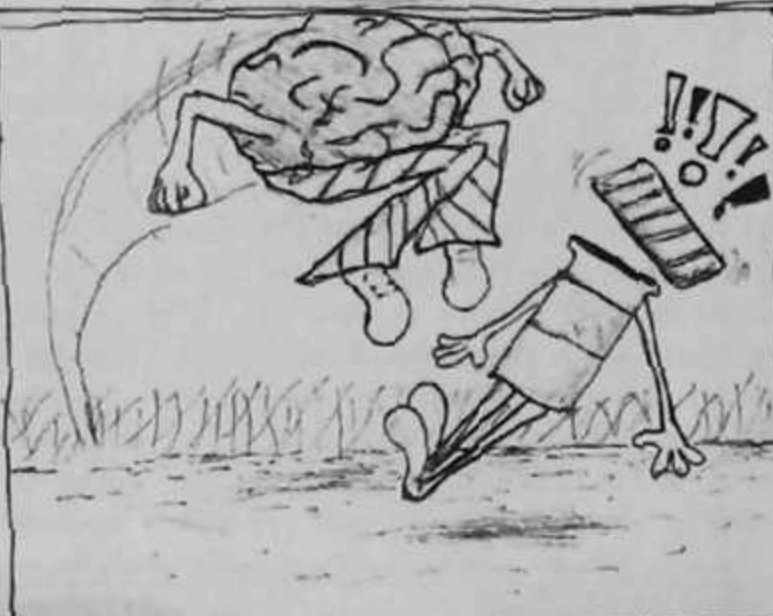
It is startling to us that incidents such as these are taking place in only our second season of football here at Castleton, and like Wolk, we too hope that there will not be any repeat performances any time soon.

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JAMIS LOTT

Car fire sparks curiosity

By Megan Davis
Castleton Spartan

It started out as the average Rutland trip. Return a video game, exchange some pants, pretty standard stuff. It was after I left Dick's that it turned into something much more interesting. As I sat in my car, staring at the glass doors that lead into Dick's I saw something far too familiar to me: police lights.

I gasped.

I've always had a natural curiosity for things like fires, and car accidents. Ever since I was little, I've wanted to know everything about them: who, what, when where, how, and why. Now that I'm a journalism student, I had an excuse. I took out my camera and started taking pictures.

I was nervous. In fact, I half expected someone to come running up to me and tell me to stop. After I was done taking pictures I was going to leave, but something inside me told me not to.

It was my natural curiosity, and everything I've ever learned about journalism.

I couldn't just leave. Not with such a good opportunity staring me in the face.

I walked up to the first available firefighter and asked him what happened. He explained to me that he arrived late to the scene, and that he had no idea how it started.

I then asked a factory worker, and he told me he knew nothing either.

Things were looking bleak. Every person I approached I feared wouldn't take me seriously. After all, who am I? I'm not anyone important. I am, however, a reporter for the Castleton Spartan, and that's what I told them.

Finally, I approached the man who I thought would be my best from the very beginning. He was dressed in a



MEGAN DAVIS/ CASTLETON SPARTAN

Rutland rescue officials arrived on the scene.

white suit rather than that flashy bright yellow one, and the back of his jacket read "assistant chief."

I was still nervous, but I approached him anyway.

"We think it was a gas leak. They tried to put it out themselves, but it got out of control and they called us," said Bruce Egan, assistant chief for the Rutland fire rescue squad.

The owner of the vehicle was nowhere on the scene, and no one that was on the scene seemed to know his name, which was unfortunate.

Even though it wasn't the Rutland trip I expected, I'm so glad for the experience. There's nothing quite like feeding that natural curiosity that journalists have. It's really exciting; despite the nerves you can sometimes feel beforehand. It's a great feeling, knowing that you've satisfied your own curiosity, and can now share the knowledge you have with the people, who deserve to know how and why something happened. It's a feeling of accomplishment, and knowing you did something good. It's a sense of satisfaction that nothing else in the world can give you. I know journalism is the right career path for me, and this small taste of the real thing only reinforced that truth.

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Sounding Off

We are privileged to have a number of diverse, educational and entertaining Soundings events.

There were many thoughtful responses to recent events. Rather than quote just one or two whole responses, here are excerpts from a few. Keep up the good work on the responses. And, please, check the box on the card that allows us to quote you!

Nuclear Energy Debate

"Being an environmental science major... I was very in favor of environmentally friendly ways of [producing] energy. Nuclear energy, much like fossil fuel energy, is dangerous and should be eliminated..."
Cameron Granger

"Nuclear power may be an alternative source of energy, but it is also a hazardous one. As Slocum stated, if an accident was to occur... the results would not only affect the local area, but the entire state or nation..."
Sarah Alexander

Professor Flo Keyes, Poetry Reading

"...I laughed at the raciness of the 'classic' car poem. I was touched by her expression of loss in the poems 'April' and 'November.'... Finally, my perception was changed by the possibility of images..."
Marshall Oechsner

"...I enjoyed how she talked about real life in her poems. Her father's death, the selling of a family farm, and first loves are all situations you can easily relate to. My favorite poem today was the one about blue eyes..."
Kalee Murphy

EVENTS HAPPENING SOON

Wednesday, November 10th - Sunday, November 14th
8:00 p.m. on Nov. 10-13 and 2:00 p.m. on Nov. 14
Casella Theater, Fine Arts Center, Ticket Required

Castleton State College Theater Arts Department presents **The Cripple of Inishmaan**

The inhabitants of a small island off the coast of Ireland are excited to learn of a Hollywood film crew's arrival to make a documentary. "Cripple" Billy Claven, eager to escape the gossip, poverty and boredom of Inishmaan, vies for a part in the film. To everyone's surprise, the orphan and outcast gets his chance.

Tuesday, November 16th, 8:00 p.m.,
Casella Theater, Fine Arts Center, Ticket Required

Johnson State College Theater Arts Department presents **All My Sons**

Arthur Miller's play tells the story of a post WWII all-American family that faces the consequences of dishonest decisions when father, Joe Keller, knowingly sells defective airplane parts that cause planes to crash and kill 21 men.

Thursday, November 18th, 12:30 p.m.,
Casella Theater, Fine Arts Center, Ticket Required

Tartan Terrors Workshop

Come meet the group in an informal session. See below.

Thursday, November 18th, 7:00 p.m.,
Casella Theater, Fine Arts Center, Ticket Required

Tartan Terrors

The Tartan Terrors prove that they are a wee bit Scottish as they stomp the floor with their raucous music, dance and wit. Certainly not sheepish, this troupe will stir the spirits!

Sunday, November 21st, 3:00 p.m.,
Casella Theater, Fine Arts Center, Ticket Required

Castleton Collegiate Chorale

The Castleton Collegiate Chorale and Chambers Singers celebrate the arrival of winter with a tapestry of works including Benjamin Britten's A Ceremony of Carols and A Hymn to the Virgin, spirituals by Moses Hogan and William L. Dawson, and the East Coast premier of portions of Ignacio de Jerusalem's Maitines de Nuestra Senora de la Concepcion composed for the Mexico City Cathedral in 1768 for choir and orchestra. Directed by Dr. Sherrill Blodgett.

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Has technology impacted who we are?

Kelsey LaPoint
Castleton Spartan



Dr. Jarice Hanson

Have you ever been walking through her presentation, Hanson tries to change that.

One of her main points included what she called the "actor-observer paradox." She explained it as the difference between how we perceive ourselves and others in terms of technology. She used the example of turning off your cell phone during a movie. It is a rule that you should do this, but not everybody does it.

"People make excuses for their own behavior... It's 'I know this is wrong, but I'm going to do it anyway' kind of thing," she said.

Another aspect of technology is the changing concept of time and Hanson used the example of cell phones yet again. "If you have a cell phone, you have the ability to call people now, you have the ability to text people now...but you're not being very considerate of other people and what they're going through...[With texting] you don't have to wait for an appropriate time, you can do it right then."

So with the Internet and cell phones, is society becoming meaner or more rude? It could go both ways. In terms of rudeness, there is the obvious instance of talking on your cell phone in a public place. But Hanson also addressed the more serious side of technology, like the suicides of young people due to cyber bullying.

Hanson's other topics included multitasking through technology, the value of privacy with certain social networks (like Facebook) and the comfort that technology allows us in our daily lives. Although some students ironically continued to text through Hanson's presentation, many were made aware of their technology use, like Margy Kerschner, a freshman.

"I thought it was pretty interesting - just the way people work now and how they use the Internet. It affects me because I always get distracted. I try doing a paper and I end up on Facebook. It gets me off track. I think I'm going to try to change my habits, but it's hard, it's not something you can do over night."

Meagan Larrabee, a sophomore, agrees and plans to take more dramatic steps. "I feel like we rely on technology too much and we can't use our brains for anything else...I'm thinking about deleting my Facebook. It's going to happen one of these days. It's such a hassle, there's so much drama that goes on face book, what's the point?" she said.

Harice was brought to campus by Communication professor Thomas Conroy.

Two of Castleton's own, Morgan Bernhard and Andrew McDuff, are to play starring roles in Ron Powers' upcoming two act play *Sam and Laura* in Middlebury.

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Students perform in Ron Powers play

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Date	Incident	Location
10/20	Vehicle damage	Library Lot
10/22	Vehicle damage	Jeffords Lot
10/23	Noise complaint / Alcohol violation	South House
10/23	Drugs / Marijuana	Morrill Hall
10/25	Vandalism	Castleton Hall
10/26	NAT / Agressive Non-Student	Audet House
10/26	Medical	Jeffords
10/26	Drugs	Behind Houses
10/26	Air Soft paraphernalia	Babcock Hall
10/27	Vandalism / Harassment	Haskell / Audet
10/27	Medical	Leavenworth Hall
10/27	Fire in basement	Coolidge Library
10/28	Weapons violation	South Street Lot
10/28	Vandalism	Castleton Hall
10/29	Vandalism	Castleton Hall
10/29	Vehicle Vandalism	South Street Lot
10/29	Hit and run	Observatory Lot
10/30	Vandalism	Observatory Lot
10/30	Underage drinking	Castleton Hall
10/30	Sexual misconduct	Castleton Hall
10/30	Medical	Ellis Hall
10/31	Underage drinking / NAT	Wheeler Hall
10/31	Vandalism	South House
10/31	Theft	Morrill Hall
10/31	Fireworks	Adams Hall
11/01	Vandalism	Adams Hall
11/02	Vehicle Damage	Woodruff Lot
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Soldier discusses embedded journalists during wartime

By Elicia Mailhiot
Spartan Contributor

In order to describe the relationship between the military and the media, Army Sgt. John Felton first had to explain his own experiences with the two.

The Rutland area Army recruiter, who served in Iraq, described the relationship between the citizens of Fayetteville, N.C. and the soldiers stationed and training at Fort Bragg.

"Soldiers and civilians alike, they're kinda just one," he said of life in the military-dominated North Carolina city.

He then told students in professor David Blow's News Media Ethics class last week about a reporter for the local newspaper in Fayetteville being embedded with his troop in Iraq. Being an embedded journalist means that you eat, interact, and sleep on the ground with the soldiers.

Felton's team prepared for deployment knowing the reporter was coming too.

"He trained with us as. This is how we're going to react as a team if we come under attack," he said.

The reporter was working on hometown-type stories about the lives of those in Felton's unit during war. To Felton, the training the reporter went through made him understand that war is the most important thing and he knew not get in the way of a mission. Felton said he also had contact with larger news media outlets, including CNN, although the calls it "sporadic interaction."

"They were usually the ones we had problems with," said Felton, adding that their fight for ratings and to beat competitors led to bad decisions sometimes. "Bullets are flying guy, things are blowing up. You're probably not in the right spot."

Felton also made it clear that while safety for the journalist is important, it isn't as important to soldiers and the safety of fellow soldiers.

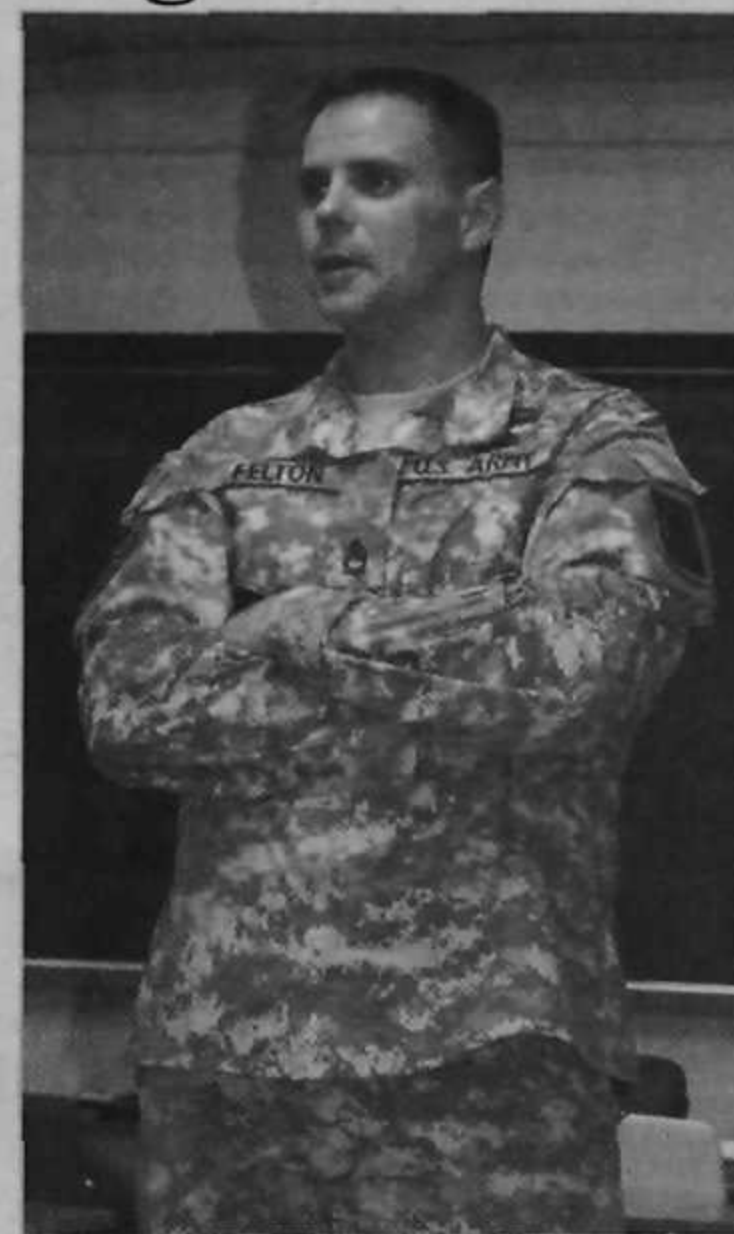
"We're going to protect them if we can, but if it comes down to a reporter on my left and a soldier on my right, I'm gonna protect my soldier," said Felton.

For seven months after the war began, Felton had a reporter embedded with him. Then, everything seemed to shift. The media was no longer allowed to travel with units in Iraq as the United States realized things weren't going quite as planned.

"We kicked the media out. It's about to get real, and it's about to get really dangerous," he said.

Reporters went from being patriotic and telling stories of "God Bless America" to reporting death and carnage, and Felton said he believes it was because they were no longer embedded.

Students asked Felton about censorship of war coverage. He said the local reporter was asked to



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Sgt. John Felton informs CSC students on the use of embedded journalists.

submit stories before sending them home, but the only censoring done was asking the reporter to pull stuff out fearing it painted a better picture of an incident than what actually occurred.

He explained that one positive in embedding is that the reporter and soldiers gain a connection, heightening the level of trust between the two. This can also be negative. Some believe this inhibits what the reporter will write if in confronted with controversy involving the soldiers. When asked if the embedded reporter could write a story about something that went wrong during a mission, Felton had to pause.

"Could he have written it? Yes. Would he have written it? (pause) Personally, no. I don't think he would have," he said.

In closing, Felton encouraged hopeful journalists to join the military saying there are a variety of media opportunities in the service. But at the same time, he cautioned that war left a mark on his life, and he shares that too with the people he visits.

"This shit's real. This is a real place. These are real bullets. You can die here," he said.

Vt. ranks last in funding for higher education

By Jill Bassett
Castleton Spartan

Ever wonder why your tuition is so high at Castleton compared to other schools?

In part, it's because Vermont higher education funding ranks 50th out of fifty, meaning Vermont gives the least amount of higher education funding of any state.

According to John Howard and Ben Johnson, two officials from United Professionals of Vermont and the American Federation of Teachers, higher education funding in Vermont has dropped by more than 50 percent over the last 30 years. The only way that Vermont schools have been able to stay alive without barely any state funding

is through tuition increases. Even if more people attend college in Vermont the cost of tuition still has to rise to cover all cost.

"I know Vermont has a low population, but I'm pretty sure it's not the smallest population so funding should go by population size, and we shouldn't get the least amount of funding," said student Kailie Courtney.

A pamphlet being handed out on campus about the issue said, "because of the high tuition cost and low state funding, more students have to rely on education loans to pay for college."

"If more money is not made available to help with the rising cost, there will come to a point that students and their parents will not be able to pay for the cost of college

which is rising faster than Vermonters wages and the rate of inflation," said student Brittany Baranowski says.

"It's just not fair that we get such little funding."

A booth was set up two weeks ago in the Campus Center with students discussing these statistics and bringing awareness of Vermont's dismal funding performance.

The main goal of the table was to educate people about this issue so while they were at the voting booths they would hopefully vote for candidates in support of higher education

Sociology professor Linda Olsen said, these are the reasons tuition is so high and salaries are so low.

"Clearly Vermont state colleges are not supported by our state," she said.

Campus Quips



Jill Bassett

Question: What is the most ridiculous thing that has happened on campus?



Liza Tarleton

Freshman

"On Halloween I was looking out the window and saw two bananas's running while a gorilla was chasing after them."



Lauren Cosgrove

Senior

"Two years ago Castleton boys were throwing up out the window from the third floor front of Castleton Hall building window."



Ashley Perone

Freshman

"Batman trying to fit himself into a dryer in Ellis."



Matt Bijas

Senior

"Some students were playing sex/orgasms sounds really loudly out of a dorm window during open house."



Lydia Jenks

Senior

"Someone getting chased by security, tackled, managing to wiggle away and then being pushed in a ditch."

Working From the Ground Up

An Organization with a powerful mission, working with Castleton Students to build homes for a better tomorrow.

By Wanderin' Wyatt Aloisio
Castleton Spartan

Between traveling to some of the most spectacular sites and locations that the United States has to offer, Castleton students are spending their time in the Santa Fe area undertaking an amazing and one-of-a-kind opportunity to do ground-breaking work, literally.

Arriving early in the morning and working late into the afternoon, students in the Castleton Semester in Santa Fe have for several weeks now excavated, shaped and molded muddy mixtures, while doing some heavy lifting to assist the volunteer non-profit organization Adobe-in-Action.

brick making process has existed in the American southwest for centuries and is not only simple in, but also, according to organization founder Mike Lopach, one of the best resources in the pursuit of a better world today.

"We're using the best resource we have available to us, the Earth itself, to create a means to combat poverty and build homes for families. The medium has been around for centuries, and it's at this juncture in human history that we can truly apply it usefully," Lopach said.

The homeowner, Rocky Pete Olson, is a friend of Lopach and fellow graduate from the Northern New Mexico College adobe home building program. He is not only a member of AIA, but the first recipient of the program also, working to rebuild his family's home which burned down seven years ago. With the aid from Castleton students and other volunteers from youth



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Samantha McClay pours a batch of adobe into a wheel barrel for Mike Lopach.

tion in building a new home for a family in Espanola, NM.

"We were invited to help build a house for a family in the first couple of weeks of us living in Santa Fe," recalls student Nathan Dunn. "I don't think any of us could have imagined that it would become one of our favorite parts of our semester in the southwest."

A primary component of the semester's curriculum, the Adobe

groups and church organizations, Olson's goals and ambitions are clear-cut. He's set on an amazing outcome for his future home.

"I want to be able to build an energy efficient home that can be an example for the kind of work our organization can accomplish with help from the community. Our college professor always believed that a life-size project such as this would be great to show people, and especially good for



WYATT ALOISIO / CASTLETON SPARTAN

Students hard at work smoothing out the adobe bricks before removing the molds and letting them sundry.

college students."

In the short time since the beginning of the summer, Lopach and Olson have produced over 1500 bricks with help from youth and church volunteers. Since Castleton's arrival on the project in September that amount has been doubled with roughly 200 to 500 bricks made on average weekly. The end goal being 6,000 bricks to build a four bedroom, two bath home.

The time spent helping to build the home has not only impacted the family involved, but the students of CSC as well as many such as senior Paul Chrisman planning to return in 2011 to continue in helping.

"I really enjoy working with Adobe-in-Action" Chrisman says while molding a batch of the mixture into its brick shape. "I don't even know how I'm go-

ing to get back out west to keep working in the summer, I just know that I want to and that's all that matters."

In the upcoming months, Lopach hopes to fundraise further and promote the cause amongst more local volunteer groups, but he also hopes undertake the process to attain Federal backing along with the group's already present support from the Department of Agriculture and the State of New Mexico.

"Adobe has a place in our culture, and it is a project for our generation that is sustainable in every way. To have participation from groups such as Castleton is just humbling and shows that there are good people who care," Lopach said.

To contact Adobe-in-Action, visit their website at: www.adobeinaction.org



A CSC student enjoys his fruit punch flavored Four Loko.

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Is Four Loko dangerous?

By Jess Lawrenson
Castleton Spartan

A Castleton student woke up on the floor, next to his loyal porcelain throne -- naked.

All because he drank two Four Lokos.

Four Loko is a new trend among college drinkers and costs about \$2.50 for a 24-ounce can. It contains 12 percent alcohol mixed with an energy drink. According to an Aug. 26 CBS News article, it contains the same amount of alcohol as three beers and the amount of caffeine as a cup of coffee and a Red Bull.

"Before they know it, they've consumed the equivalent of six beers, which their body is not accustomed to. All of a sudden the caffeine wears off and they are intoxicated," said Dr. Melissa Wientraub in the CBS news article.

Some across the country are trying to get this product taken off the shelves. Rev. William 'Rocky' Brown III, the chairman of the Law Enforcement Chaplains of Delaware County with a background in alcohol counseling, is one. He was in shock when he went into a store and found Four Lokos placed next to soda.

"It is fueling violence that we see in the community," Brown said.

Brown's client, Mary Alice, had an encounter with Four Loko when her husband in his 40s drank two cans of it on Aug. 27. Brown said the man had hallucinations convincing him that he killed all of their seven children and needed to kill her and himself so they could be with their children. Throughout his hallucination he was crying.

"I have only seen my husband cry about a dozen times since we've been married, when our seven kids were born and when someone had died," said Alice.

He had a blood alcohol level of .244.

"It is like acid in a can with Russian Roulette," said Alice.

Brown is trying to make it illegal by publicizing Alice's story and making parents aware of its dangers.

"It is liquid cocaine and we need to get it off the shelves," said Brown.

At Castleton, there might be some support for a ban.

"Please make it illegal, it is like a hangover in a can," said Castleton student Jenna Rae.

Rae said she normally enjoys

drinking and the social experience that goes with it, but Four Loko made her black out and ruined a good night out with her friends because she couldn't remember it.

Others, however, can't wait to have it.

"The amount you pay for 12 percent alcohol is perfect for college students," said Chiara Coppola who was on her way to buy two Four Loko's for the night.

"No one knows what it is and it looks like an energy drink so you can openly walk around with it," Coppola said.

In Philadelphia, people who drink it are considered crazy, said student Nyamah Thomas.

"It is called crack in a can there," said Thomas.

The number of flavors to choose from was overwhelming to her the first night that she tried it. She ended up with fruit punch flavor and only a fourth of a can made her feel it. Her heart was pounding, she said. Thomas said she doesn't advise drinking much of it you choose to try it.

"It is a different type of drunk," she said, adding that it just makes you not care.

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Kids Night Out!

The Castleton State College softball team is hosting a Kids Night Out fund-raiser on Nov. 20 for area kids ages 4-12.

The event will feature activities and games including crafts, basketball and watching videos.

The team is hoping the event will not only be fun for the kids, but allow their parents to have a rare night out.

It runs from 6:30-9:30 in the Spartan Athletic Complex at the college. Cost is \$15 for one child, \$25 for two and \$35 for three or more. Children must be dropped off and picked up by a parent or guardian.

Walk-in registrations will be accepted at the door.

For additional information e-mail brigitte.olson@castleton.edu.

Rally for sanity gets insane turnout

By Traci Hubbell
Castleton Spartan

On Saturday Oct. 30, Jon Stewart, host of the 8-time Emmy award winning variety program *The Daily Show*, and Stephen Colbert, the satirical ultra-conservative host of *The Colbert Report*, led the Rally to Restore Sanity and/or Fear at the National Mall in Washington, D.C. An estimated 215,000 people attended according to AirPhotosLive.com, which took aerial pictures of the event.

Formally announced as a non-political rally, it remained neutral by only entertaining participants with a myriad of performers from Ozzy Osbourne to Tony Bennett, and skit routines. The show didn't promote specific politicians or political parties. The official website www.rallytorestore Sanity.com encouraged diverse minds to attend.

"If we had to sum up the political view of our participants in a single sentence... we couldn't. That's sort of the point."

So what provoked nearly a quarter of a million people to dress in costumes, totting signs to America's capitol? Demand for more moderation and civil discourse, both in politics and media.

Mild-natured signs held by participants read "death to nobody," and "I disagree, but I'm pretty sure you're not Hitler."

The reasonableness began early as Stewart asked the crowd



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The view of the packed crowd outside the Capital Building.

to leave the mall as clean as they found it, quickly adding "cleaner!"

Sam Waterston from *Law and Order* introduced ironic sobriety in the reading of Colbert's playfully silly *Are you sure* poem. He described hypothetical situations that induce fear and worry and also a few giggles. Two lines from the rhyming poem bounced from unlikely to nightmarish.

"Choking on a biscotti being whacked by John Gotti. Getting trapped overnight in a full port-opotty."

Colbert encouraged his audience to wear costumes that embodied their worst fear in the shows leading up to Halloween Eve. Witches holding "I'm not a witch, I'm you" signs and busi-

ness-clad "journalists" holding plastic microphones branded FOX mocked a specific self-proclaimed "fair and balanced" news network and their TEA party sweetheart Christine O'Donnell.

And it shouldn't have been a surprise. The rally was an informal response to Fox News Network whose personality Glenn Beck had his gathering *Restoring Honor* on the anniversary and same location as Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I have a dream" speech last August in D.C.

In addition to portraying America's implied state of dishonor, Beck called for the usual religion-inspired change and anti-government convictions. During his speech he told his supporters

"America today begins to turn back to God. For too long, this country has wandered in darkness."

Fear-inducing exaggeration was addressed by Stewart during his speech. He made an analogy of the media's role as using a magnifying glass to either focus on problems, or to use it as a weapon to burn ants. He reminded the massive crowd and live national audience that he is not suggesting "...that times are not difficult and that we have nothing to fear, they are and we do. But we live now in hard times, not end times."

Cars merging into a single lane before a tunnel in D.C. shown on the jumbotron screens illustrated his major point.

"...we know instinctively as a people that if we are to get through the darkness and back into the light we have to work together. And the truth is, there will always be darkness. And sometimes the light at the end of the tunnel isn't the promised land. Sometimes it's just New Jersey. But we do it anyway, together."

While the enormous gathering dispersed throughout D.C. after the rally, some decided to stay and clean up, heeding Stewart's plea. Many others decided to contribute in a different way, to the Trust for the National Mall which boasts \$188,360 in donations in the name of the event.

Señor Senior



Mike DelDotto

Did you vote last Tuesday? I didn't. I didn't even know that I was still registered in Vermont from when I voted in '08. It's too bad too. Voting is pretty damn important especially for my generation. I feel like not voting is like not donating a penny or two to the Unicef box kids use on Halloween. It's just letting yourself down.

But who wants to vote anyway when you have options like Joe Scumbag and Don Screwyouover? Honestly it's like if the Bills and Lions were squaring off on Thanksgiving. You get two shitty options, but you gotta pick one. (Actually, I think the Bengals are playing the Cowboys this year in the late game...whoa now, lemmie go in the other room and calm down for that battle of the disappointments!)

I remember an awesome political cartoon a few years back that had the question "Why didn't you vote today?" A split photo showed a cartoon Iraqi man wearing Muslim garb, and a cartoon regular stereotypical American. The Iraq dude's excuse was that his voting tent was blown up and the American dude? "It rained."

Then Puff Daddy told me to vote or die on MTV. Nice, Diddy. Is that like how you knew Tupac was being murdered on the floor below you and you didn't do anything?

This country was built on the voice of the people. That's America's beauty. Except back then they could vote between two slave-owning founding fathers. Now we're left with whoever will screw us over least. And sometimes that's not even the case! Back in my home state of Massachusetts both main candidates sucked and the third dude had nowhere near enough votes.

The issue isn't the voter turnout folks. It's the lack of anything worth voting for. We have to wait until we're 18 to vote because we're legally adults and can make decisions for ourselves. It's tough for an 18-year-old kid to relate to some 50-something dude who's out to use the state to his or her personal advantage. In other words, how does a teenager find the motivation to go out and vote for some old, rich person who lies or just doesn't care?

Any U.S. citizen born in the U.S. over the age of 35 can run for president can't they? I'm sure a clean criminal record is a must, but seriously, that's it. Why don't more people run? It's because they don't have a trust fund. Not even hard working, self-made wealthy assholes are in charge of the country anymore. Their sons and daughters are. You know the people I'm talking about. They show up to Ivy League school without ever applying and then spend four years partying until graduation. And eventually they become a world leader.

Let's all just start running for office. Sure it's boring and stressful, but someone will take one for the team and get this democracy/capitalism thing back on track.



Finals hard? Think again.

By James Schubert
Spartan Contributor

Every year, Castleton State College seniors in the music program have to go through a senior recital, a culmination of all four years of lessons and concerts. It's a lot like *American Idol*, without the Simon Cowell, but with just as much pressure.

"You're working from freshman year toward your senior recital," Castleton State College Music Director Glenn Giles said.

From the start of the program, the students work on lab recitals graded by their instructors based on the progress they made over the semester, Giles said.

After their freshmen year, the students have to face "juries" every semester, made up of members of the music department who grade on certain aspects of their performance. The bar gets raised little by little, Giles said.

About a month before their final recital, the students have to face a hearing by a committee of music department faculty and the department chair. They have to play their full recital

to the committee, which determines if students pass muster or need improvement.

But even when given the green light for their senior recital, they have a lot of preparation to do.

Michelle Parbus, a senior at Castleton State with a recital on Nov. 7 said, "It's like planning a small wedding. You have to prepare, find a venue, make posters, invite friends and family, plan a reception, and you have to arrange a good outfit too."

When asked if she was nervous about her vocal recital she said, "Not yet."

Although the pressure is on them to perform their final recital, students say it's still considered their day to shine and their chance to bloom into professional musicians.

"It's like a concert more so than a graded project. There are no judges. It's just your day to shine and show off," said Mary Kay Capone, a senior at Castleton State College. She performed her piano recital on Oct. 23.

Because of this ascension they go through to get to their big day, many seniors said they aren't that nervous about their recitals - but



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Charles Madsen and Michelle Parbus.

there are some nerves.

"If you're not nervous, you're perfect," Castleton State College senior Tommy Peppard said.

One senior, Amy Newton was a little more nervous than the others, asking, "Will you do mine?" when questioned about her upcoming recital.

As for advice to the next class and their recitals, Capone was quick with a reply.

"Practice hard!"

Movie Review: The Ghost Writer

By Allison Clark
Castleton Spartan

The *Ghost Writer*, directed by Roman Polanski (*The Pianist*, *Rosemary's Baby*) is an adaptation of the Robert Harris novel *The Ghost*. The movie stars Ewan McGregor, Pierce Brosnan and Olivia Williams.

Ewan McGregor is the ghost-writer brought in to finish a memoir after the original writer unexpectedly dies. The memoir is the life story of Adam Lang, a former Prime Minister of England. McGregor enters Lang's organization just as a scandal is brought to the media forefront. Lang, played by Pierce Brosnan, is accused of war crimes because he ordered the capture and torture of terrorists in the Middle East with the help of the CIA.

Lang's past is shady, but his wife is shadier. Ruth Lang, played by Olivia Williams, is the real politician not her husband. She knows more than she lets on and is Adam Lang's moral compass that doesn't exactly point north.

McGregor is given the thick manuscript his predecessor produced before he died. McGregor pours over it, making sweeping edits and trying to find the real story behind Lang. He digs more and finds something he shouldn't. That is where he runs into some trouble.



McGregor is given one month to produce a memoir worth reading, and the story unfolds in what feels like real time. Thirty days later, the mystery is solved, the book is written, and suckers in the audience are left wondering why Roman Polanski dragged them through one hour and fifty-five minutes of McGregor's pensive looks and monosyllabic conversation set to overly suspenseful music and then crammed the action in five minutes at the end.

This film will have you on the edge of your seat. But not because you are dying to know what happens. You'll get there when you are just about to give up and admit this movie has no point. The film gets stuck in a 'build suspense' mode and forgets that there needs to be a story in there somewhere, too. Until the last five minutes that is, when they give a glimpse of what the movie could have been, a really good political thriller.

Music Review: Punk Goes Pop

By Megan Davis
Castleton Spartan

Think of a list of pop songs that have been on the radio lately. "My love," "Bulletproof," "In My Head," "Bad Romance," "Need You Now," "Airplanes." Odds are that you've heard most of these songs before, but you've probably never heard them like this. The *Punk Goes Pop* series takes popular pop songs and have punk and hardcore bands cover them, and the recently released *Punk Goes Pop 3* might be the best yet.

We Came As Romans covered "My Love," originally done by Justin Timberlake. It starts off with hard guitars, and the screamer of the band screaming the first few lines in a growling voice. Upon first listening to this song, I wasn't really willing to give it much of a chance because of the beginning. However, even if you're not the biggest fan of the screamo or hardcore genre, you may actually like this song. Only part of the chorus is truly screamed, and the rest of the song is sung. It's actually a pretty good cover.

Mayday Parade covered "In My Head," originally done by Jason Derulo. Like the *We Came As Romans* cover, this song sounds almost nothing like the original. The techno-y effects are replaced with actual drums and electric guitars. There's also piano that is introduced at certain points, one of which is the ending of the song. It's an excellent cover. Mayday Parade does an excellent job of bringing their own sound to this song, making it sound like they'd written it themselves, rather than just the usual cover.



Sparks the Rescue covered "Need You Now" originally done by Lady Antebellum. Like *We Came As Romans*, and *Mayday Parade*, Sparks the Rescue also does an excellent job of bringing their own personal sound to this cover. The song originally has a very country sound, and starts off a little bit slow. This version now sounds much more upbeat, and a bit faster. The punk guitars do a world of good for the cover. For those of you who aren't country fans and may not have liked the original, definitely give this a listen. It's a big improvement.

The three aforementioned songs are just a little taste of the 14 songs covered on *Punk Goes Pop 3*. They're three of the songs that differ incredibly from their originals. Other songs on the CD that sound much different than their originals are *Hot n Cold*, *Bulletproof*, *Heartless*, and *Run This Town*. *Bad Romance*, *Down*, *Airplanes*, and *Paper Planes* generally have the same sound as their original, but the vocals can make a world of difference.

Punk Goes Pop 3 definitely has something for everyone that enjoys the punk genre as well as something for those that don't. I'd definitely recommend picking up the cd. There are some songs that are merely alright, and other songs that are downright great. Give it a listen. You might be surprised at what you hear.

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Smoky library

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after the evacuation stating that the library wouldn't be open till 8 the next morning. Some students complained that it was making their assignments almost impossible to complete.

"I was in the library for six hours, gone to dinner for 20 minutes, came back and there were fire trucks, a cop car, and public safety ... I was pissed," said Andre Coutu.

Coutu had a paper due the next day, and without the library, which held the reference books he needed, he resorted to online sources and hoped it wouldn't affect his grade. He ended up in his room trying to do his paper until 3 a.m.

"This suite is a living hell to do homework in," said Coutu.

For other students, the library closing just resulted in relocating their studying spot and taking extra time accomplish their work.

"I had to do my homework at the Campus Center and it took me forever because it's not as conducive of an environment for studying," said Jeremy Benoit.

Benoit said he was "kinda bummed" when he heard about the library being closed through Facebook.

"I never thought I would be happy to see the library open, but the next morning was like a gift," laughed Benoit.

"G-Moe" snubbed

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"There were probably about 25 people involved in some way, but I guess the 6'3" basketball player was the only one they identified," said Garrison.

Other than that, though, no one can point to behavioral issues with Price.

"I can't specifically recall a behavioral problem involving George, but that was a long time ago," said Dean Joe Mark.

As a student, Price was a resident assistant in Haskell Hall and was a member of the Student Association, the Food Committee, and the Basketball Coaches Selection Committee of 1987.

"Those are not things that the college allows to happen if someone has 'character' issues," said Lehman.

Garrison, who was convinced by Price to join Student Association, also vouched for his character.

"I worked closely with him and took what I learned and eventually became executive VP," said Garrison.

Since graduation, Price has maintained several social and rewarding jobs including working as recreational supervisor, physical education teacher and coach, director of a summer day camp, and served as a community coordinator.

"He has continued to work with youth athletics for two decades after graduation and is a genuine individual," said Garrison.

Although Lehman and Garrison aren't sure what will result from their efforts, they say they're doing the right thing raising awareness about an injustice to George Price.

"We hope the Hall of Fame committee will do the right thing and reward George for four stellar years as a pillar of the college and its athletic program, not wrongly hold him responsible for something that happened 20 years ago," said Lehman.

Profs commute

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"When I first started making the commute there were a couple of days when I had to leave home very early and took me four hours to get in. But luckily for me, Vermont tends to over-salt its roads" Roper exclaims.

Although travelling in the snow can be treacherous, faculty and staff still find the courage to make it to campus.

"I haven't missed a day because of ice or snow, but it really does scare me!" stated Tina Betit of the registrar's office, who drives from Granville, N.Y. every day.

Heather Morrisson, also from the registrar's office, who makes the journey from Fort Ann, N.Y., said "winter is the worst part about commuting. People think that New York does a better job clearing roads, but that's not true."

So why do these workers put up with these commutes?

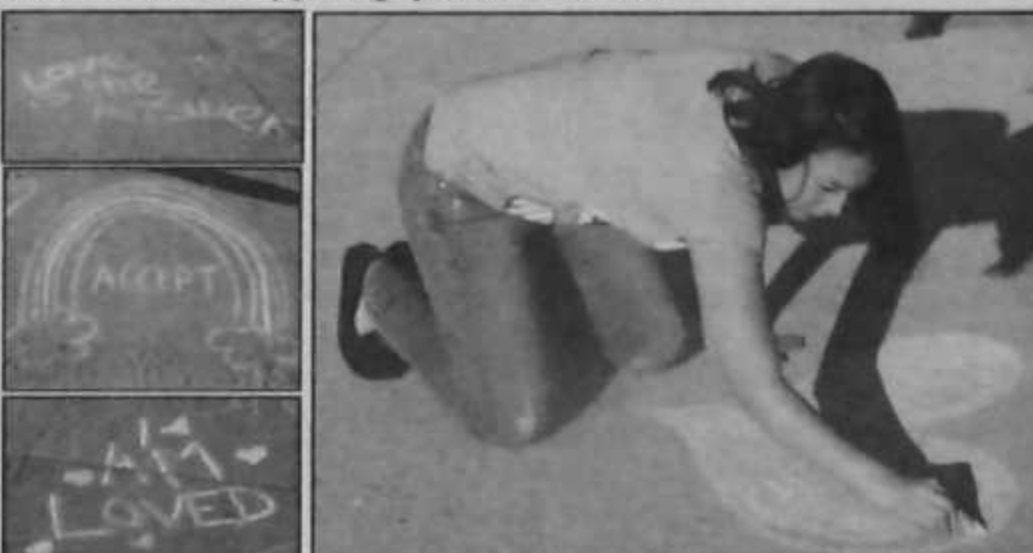
"Bottom line. You find a job you love and you won't be tired, you won't be sick, and you'll bound out of bed in the morning," Rutkowski says in a mellow yet serious tone.

Chalk walk



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Student Rachel Chamberlan draws a heart during Castleton's chalk walk to support gays and lesbians.



Richards is new Com. assistant

By Ashley Fillmore
Spartan Contributor



Kate Richards

College in New Hampshire, where she received her bachelors degree in art and graphic design.

"I am excited about living back in the area," she said in an interview last week.

Richards graduated from Keene three years ago, where she then began to do freelance graphic designing while searching for the perfect job.

The search to fill the position began after Trombley tragically lost her battle with cancer last February.

Trombley was a well respected alumni, co-worker and mother by the entire Castleton community. Her outstanding work ethic and love for the college left big shoes to one day be filled.

"It's always intimidating coming into a position that has already been filled. I am respectful of the fact I have big shoes to fill and everyone was really close with her," said Richards.

Ennis Duling, director of communication at Castleton, said little when asked about having to replace his longtime co-worker.

"I think very highly of both of them," he said.

The position Richards has assumed includes task like designing and formatting books, programs and mailers along with press releases for all college events.

The search to fill the position was no simple task,

Ron Powers play

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plays C.O. Byrd who escorted the aging Laura to a Hollywood speakeasy in 1925 to celebrate her 80th birthday and coaxes from her the story of the romance and the lifelong effects of it on both the young lovers.

Barbara (Usle) Harding, who is a fellow Spartan Class of '78, is directing the piece.

She also expresses great joy in her ability to work with not only the talent of Powers, but that of Bernhard and McDuff as well.

"I am directing a good friend and playwright ... as well as working with these two talented CSC actors, Morgan and Andrew, who bring to the production their insightful characterizations and in-depth knowledge of the stage. Plus they are a lot of fun!"

The play has already been performed in several venues around the country.

Upon seeing his work preformed, Powers said his expectations were more than exceeded.

The upcoming performances of *Sam and Laura* will be on Nov. 11-14 with the Sunday performance being a matinee. The show will be at the Town Hall Theater in Middlebury. For more information visit the website at <http://samandlauraplay.com/>.

said Jane Foley, assistant communication director. There were more than 50 applicants for the position, but she said "Kate's cover letter was better than anyone else, it was personal."

"Kate quickly rose to the top of the pile. Every step she continued to do very well," said Duling.

After five phone interviews, Richards was one of the three candidates invited to Castleton for a final interview. She met with a committee of six or seven people chosen from different departments they work regularly with for a nice blend of opinions and thoughts.

Finally, Richards' cover letter, outstanding portfolio and personality landed her the position.

"She had a nice blend of what we were looking for," said Foley. "Kate had the right qualifications, the right fit for what we were looking for. We needed someone who we felt comfortable with and also felt comfortable with us and it was clear that Kate was the one."

Duling echoed the praise of Richards.

"When you go through an interview process, you try your best to pick the best person, and I believe we made a very wise decision," said Duling.

School was in session, it was Sept. 1 and Richards' long hair was swept in the cool late summer breeze as she began her first day, she recalled.

"It was a good way to start, coming in and seeing kids on campus," she said.

Although Richards has only been working with the department for approximately two months, Foley said she has already made a difference in the office having done work on the Web site and projects with alumni office.

"We are very, very happy and hope Kate is also very happy," said Foley.

Now nestled into her new office, Richards is looking forward to becoming more familiar with Web design.

"Working in the office has already been a great learning experience. I love it. It's amazing, I love to interact with students and faculty members," she said.

Ugandan terrors in Invisible Children film

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children are abducted from their villages while they sleep and are forced into being soldiers. Along the way, he wreaks havoc by having his troops rape, mutilate and kill their fellow Ugandans. Kony has been backing out of peace deals for more than 20 years and there are no signs that he will stop. So far, he has captured more than 30,000 children and is now continuing his rampage in the Congo.

But Invisible Children wants to change that. By fund-raising in the United States, they have generated millions of dollars to put children in school and rehabilitate victims. With more funding, they are now proposing a Congo Early Warning Radio Network to be built in order for neighboring villages to warn each other when the LRA are planning to attack.

Akello Brenda, a young woman from Uganda, told the audience her story after the movie. She and her father had run from the LRA when they attacked her village. Although they escaped the LRA, her father suffered a heart attack shortly afterward. With no one else to support her, Brenda gave up hope.

"I didn't know that I would have a future again," Brenda said.

She went to the Invisible Children organization and applied for a schol-



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Students ask questions after the Invisible Children film.

arship. She received it and also joined the group to travel around and spread the word about the war.

Students were taken aback.

"The movie was so sad. It was a good idea to show the movie because you could actually see the gruesome photos and video they took and it was really shocking.... I had no idea that was going on!" said Brynn Campbell.

Lilly Derbyshire, a sophomore, was sympathetic, but put it into perspective.

"Well, I thought it was really in-

spiring and shocking, but at the same time I feel like there is a lot of this going on everywhere ... But I want to get involved in one of these groups. It's one of those things where I want to quit school and go change the world!"

That is just what people like Brenda want to inspire.

"The reason I am here today sharing my story is to empower you and let you know that even though you are young, you can change the world," she said.

"4-LoCo" crazy

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Despite the danger though, Four Lokos don't sit long in area stores.

One Castleton student who asked that her name not be used said she had to go to six different places in Castleton one night to find them. She and her friends ended up buying the last five at a gas station on Route 30.

are literally flying off the shelves as soon as they are put up.

"I went to the back to put them on the shelves and I put four up and when I looked again they were gone," Hire said.

That night she ended up selling more than 30 cans, all that was in stock. She said it is mostly col-

"I went to the back to put them on the shelves and I put four up and when I looked again, they were gone." - Cashier Jean Hire

"I read somewhere that they call it Four Loko because it brings you to four stages of crazy," she said giggling. "The energy with the alcohol just gets you pumped up and makes it so you can run around while drunk."

Beverage King does not carry these products, but the Mobil at the Four Corners does. Jean Hire, a cashier there, said they

lege students who buy them.

Student Ryan Sweeney has been steering away from Four Lokos after hearing how bad they are. He whipped one from his fridge and began reading the ingredients.

"My advice is drink with caution and know your limit if you have to drink them," said Sweeney, putting the can back in the fridge.



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COURTESY OF NICK RAZZETTE

Chad Bentz suited up for the Spartan gridiron (left and bottom right). Bentz pitching for the minor-league team the Bridgeport Bluefish.

CSC's Chad of all trades

By Kristie Dunchus
Castleton Spartan

Chad Bentz is a physical education major here at Castleton. He is 30-years-old and a former major league pitcher. He is currently on the Castleton football roster as a fullback. Bentz has a very long and impressive resume, but there is one thing that stands above everything he does. He does all this with only one hand.

Bentz is a lefty who was born with a right hand that just never grew fully, which left him without a developed right hand.

A native of Juneau, Alaska, he attended Juneau Douglas High School, and growing up he always had a love for both football and baseball. As graduation approached Bentz had a decision to make. He had multiple college offers for both football and baseball.

"I had a lot more offers for football than I ever did baseball," Bentz said.

Eventually Bentz decided to go with baseball just simply because he was left-handed.

"I chose baseball because I'm left-handed and lefties are a commodity in baseball," Bentz said.

Bentz claims if he were right handed he would have played both sports because he said his baseball career wouldn't have been as successful.

"I always wonder where my life would have went if I chose football," he said. "But I don't regret choosing baseball."

Bentz pitched for Long Beach State and later went into the major leagues where he pitched for the Montreal Expos in 2004 and the Florida Marlins in 2005. Some of his strikeout victims include some of baseball's greats like Ken Griffey Jr. and Ichiro Suzuki.

After a short lived career in the majors Bentz played AAA ball and traveled a lot during the season. This became an issue when his wife of seven years Christie became pregnant. Bentz said his wife had grandparents in Vermont whom she was very close with. So the pair decided to move to Killington, Vermont and she could have her family around when he had to travel. Bentz now resides in West Rutland, Vermont.

Bentz enrolled in Castleton to get an education degree. On his first day of classes he had a few hours to kill before his next class so he decided to go visit a friend. Head football coach Rich Alencio. Bentz met Alencio when he coached his young son in baseball. He originally went in there for small talk and when he left he was a collegiate athlete again.

"I went in to say hello and see how the team was doing," Bentz said.

Bentz said he was telling Alencio how he always wanted to play football and wishes he still could. To his surprise Alencio responded, "Why don't you?"

"I thought he was joking. I asked if he was serious like five times," Bentz said.

Coach Alencio even said that Bentz even called him afterwards and asked if this was real.

There was only one thing Bentz realized he had to do.

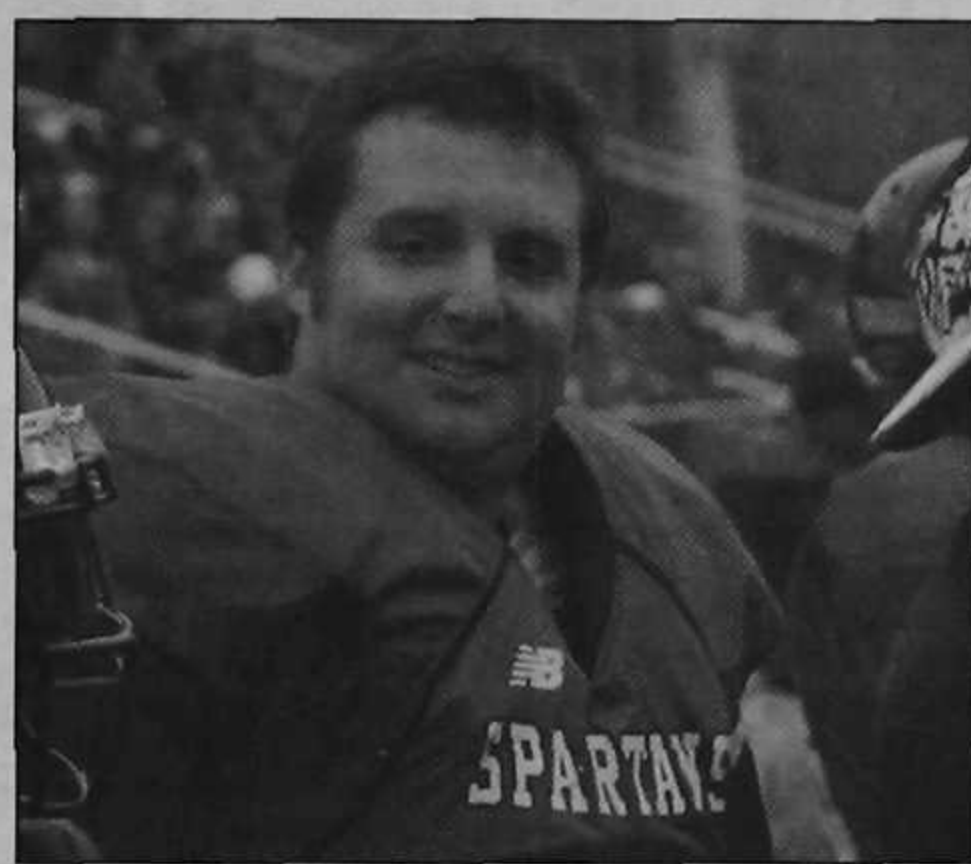
"I got to go check with the warden," laughed Bentz. "I got to check with the Mrs."

His wife gave him the go ahead and just like that Bentz was a college athlete again. But 12 years away from the game can make it a little harder to get back into it. On his first day of practice where he actually got to tackle someone Bentz thought he broke his collarbone.

"I just remember going as hard as I could and I remember seeing stars and I thought I broke my collarbone," Bentz said.

After seeing a trainer it seemed he was wrong and he would be able to keep playing. Bentz even scored his first collegiate touchdown on September 11 in a loss to Utica College.

Bentz is 6'2" and 265 pounds and coach Alencio said since Bentz had been out of the game for so long he would have to bring him back slowly. Alencio said he is a "situational player."



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He usually uses him in short-yardage situations. In the loss against Utica both times he tried for the first down on third and short he was successful. When the Spartans got near the goal line, Bentz crashed over for the touchdown.

Alencio had nothing but kind words to say about Bentz.

"He's about as good a person as I've ever met," said Alencio. "He never has anything negative to say about anyone. He's a really positive influence and person."

Alencio even mentioned how great Bentz is with kids and how his young son idolizes and adores Bentz.

Bentz knows how that feels. When he attended Long Beach State his head coach surprised him and he gave him a chance to meet his idol Jim Abbot, a major league pitcher who was also born without a right hand and pitched a no hitter for the Yankees.

"He was an inspiration. He gave me the courage to take my hand out of my pocket," Bentz said.

Bentz says he still plans to get back in the major leagues and as far as footballs concerned he hasn't ruled that out either.

"If I'm going to school full-time then why not. What else am I going to do?" Bentz asked.

Men's hockey looks to return to form



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The Spartans in action last year. Home opener is Nov. 27.

By Mike Slade
Castleton Spartan

After finishing a dismal 9-12-5 last season, the Castleton Men's Ice Hockey team looks forward to putting the past in its rear-view mirror.

Alex Todd, the head hockey coach wants a culture change for his players, while enjoying the process of being a hockey player.

"I want them to have fun being a college athlete, the preparation that goes into a game, the organization, the structure and

the uniqueness of each individual athlete. That definitely got away from us last year," Todd said.

Junior forward, Lindsey Gullett and Senior forward, Stuart Stefan will be named team captains this year. And not only do they have to lead on the ice, but off the ice as well.

"I enjoy the responsibilities and take it as serious as I can.

In every situation I work hard and all the guys get along very well. Jared Lavender was my captain my freshman year and is now playing in Central Hockey

League. Brandon Heck and Nick Westcott were the captains last year and not only are they great hockey players, they are great people too. Falling in the same category as a Junior is a huge honor for me," Gullett said.

"9-12 is a disappointment, but we had a lot of freshman last year. I think with the team this year, there is more experience and everyone is a bit wiser. I think we will be able to rebound this year," Gullett added.

Even with the youth the Spartans are returning a lot of offense

from last year. Forward Josh Harris, who led the team in points with 26, and Stefan who led in goals with 16, will both be back along with a great supporting cast.

The Spartans come into the season ranked fourth in the pre-season Eastern College Athletic Conference East polls.

"I think with the team this year, there is more experience and everyone is a bit wiser. I think we will be able to rebound this year." - Lindsey Gullett

"We're wanting a higher spot, but we have a fairly young team again this year. It's a drive for us to do better, we have the right guys in place and we will compete on a nightly basis. I think we will be near the top when the season is over," said Gullett.

Even though the team was three games below five hundred, its schedule was one of the toughest. Playing six of the top ten teams in the nation for Division III hockey.

"I think [we] as a school has established a good identity, and having ten players named to ECAC east all-academic team doesn't hurt either," Todd said smiling.

The Spartans open their season Nov. 19 when they travel to St. Anselm College.

MMA ends hopes for volleyball

By Kristie Dunchus
Castleton Spartan

The women's volleyball team traveled to Maine Maritime Academy this past weekend for the semifinal round in the hopes of becoming North Atlantic Conference champions. They faced off against the number one seeded Maine Maritime who hosted the tournament.

The Mariners beat the Spartans by a score of 3-0 with scores of 25-13, 25-3, and 25-10. Junior Chelsea Ward of Maine Maritime dominated, collecting a career high 27 kills on 40 attempts while sophomore Jennifer Dixon had a game-high 28 assists.

Castleton's Chelsea Schlosser and Ashley Kepaa each had three kills to lead Castleton while Schlosser had a team-high four assists.

Castleton ends their season at 3-3 in the NAC and 8-13 overall. The Spartans graduate only one senior and will have everyone else returning including Kepaa who was named to the first team all-conference and Schlosser who was named to the second team.

Maine Maritime faced off against Husson on Saturday Nov. 6 and clinched its fourth consecutive NAC championship defeating Husson 3-0.

Women's basketball set for run at NAC title



Tarryn Bolognani looks to move the ball last season. Home opener is Nov. 23.

By Mike DelDotto
Castleton Spartan

Three teams received first place votes in the

North Atlantic Conference Women's Basketball Preseason Poll. Castleton was picked to finish in second sandwiched between Maine Maritime Academy and defending NAC champions, Husson University.

Now in his tenth season at the helm, head coach Tim Barrett is optimistic for his Spartans.

"All the Maine schools will be very competitive," said Barrett. "Hopefully by the end of the year we'll be competing with the [conference]. We have a good nucleus returning. Seven returners and seven new players."

Two of those new players, guard Alyssa Leonard and guard/forward Taylor Race, look to contribute right away to the program.

Barrett talked about the successful pre-season for the two freshmen as well as Race's versatility.

He said the team will have a comfortable backup to returning point guard Christine Jaques.

"We open our schedule with Utica who advanced to the second round [of the NCAA tournament a year ago]," Barrett said.

Utica returns senior sensation, Jessica Berry, an All-American selection a season ago.

Castleton's home opener is Nov. 23 against Plymouth State University. The conference opener and beginning of the quest to de-throne Husson is at home in against the University of Maine-Farmington on Jan. 14, 2011.

Sports talk



Chadwick Cioffi

The Spartans have felt the glory, but they've also suffered heartbreak. Conference play is never easy, and nothing is guaranteed when a championship is at stake.

Nothing was more shocking than the men's soccer team losing the NAC semifinal game against Lyndon State. I never thought Lyndon would take down Castleton in conference play, let alone in the conference tournament. The 3-1 loss was the Spartans' first conference loss of the season, and it couldn't have come at a worse time. It was a heartbreaking way to go out.

The field hockey team endured heartbreak during the conference tournament as well. An overtime loss against St. Joseph's meant no championship appearance for the Spartans. I never anticipated a championship out of this team, but I still thought there was a way to at least sneak into the title game. Either way, title game or no title game, this Spartans team had a lot of talent.

I'll admit, even though I predicted the women's soccer team to take home the NAC title I knew it wouldn't be easy having to beat Husson. The last time the Spartans faced their conference foe the game ended in a 0-0 tie. I stopped getting so nervous when I thought about Courtney Chadburn, Hilary Cooke, and Megan Blongy going against any defenders in the NAC. It wasn't a surprise to me that this team was going to win the NAC championship, but I was a little nervous about Husson.

The football team has been nothing but impressive this year and they didn't go out against Norwich without being just that. Shane Brozowski threw for over 400 yards and a few touchdowns, but when it came down to it the Cadets won the matchup. It was heartbreaking to see because of how well the Spartans performed this season within the conference, but also because Castleton was in the drivers seat to win against Norwich. Sometimes the hard-working underdogs don't always get the win, but the Spartans definitely gained the respect from anyone who hadn't already acknowledged how far they've come since their inaugural game last fall.

This fall taught me three important things about Castleton athletics. Number one, never count the Spartans out of any fight. If there's an inch to be gained Castleton will always find a way to take that inch. Number two, if something's too good to be true, it probably is. The men's soccer team was undefeated in the NAC during the regular season, and then Lyndon had to come and crash our party. And finally, number three, when first place is up for grabs never settle for second.

The women's soccer team remembered the feeling of having the NAC title taken from them last fall.

Being in a championship game and losing is a tough pill to swallow, but to come back the following season and win the NAC.

The fall sports were filled with a lot of highlights, and certainly raised the bar for Castleton athletics the rest of this year.



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Kelsey Garceau dribbles past the Husson keeper (Left). The Spartans celebrate their NAC title at midfield (Above). Courtney Chadburn and Megan Blongy embrace as time runs out in the championship game (Inset).

Spartans win, NAC Champs

By John Shramek
Castleton Spartan

The entire stadium was silent with anticipation; the only noise was coming from the rustling branches from the nearby woods. Fans who were not already on their feet rose slowly as Kelly Tetreault's ball, courtesy of a direct kick, sliced through the cool crisp November air. After what seemed like years of waiting, the ball found its target, connecting with Hilary Cooke's head.

Cooke redirected the ball towards the net, sitting just 10 yards away, and it flew in untouched.

Just like that the game that had drawn so much attention across two campuses for an entire week was over before it had barely even started as the Castleton women's soccer team took a 1-0 lead in the North Atlantic Conference championship game only three minutes in.

And if that wasn't a big enough blow to archrival Husson University, Castleton wasted no time in kicking the team while it was

down as Brandy White scored the game's second goal off another header. This time, the ball was given to Spartan co-captain Courtney Chadburn.

The team erupted into celebration by the net, and it was clear at that moment that this Spartan team, which has proven to be so tough defensively, had no intention of letting Husson climb back into the game.

Castleton didn't let up and won the game by a score of 3-0.

"I'm ecstatic right now," said coach Chris Chapdelaine. "I don't even know what to say right now."

While none of the players could contain their excitement, Chadburn, who couldn't stop smiling, might have been the most excited player there.

"I'm on cloud nine," Chadburn said. "It's really just such an amazing feeling."

The Spartans did what they needed to do to win this type of a game. They came out focused on a certain goal, and they showed that they were hungry for the victory. That early hunger set the

tempo for the game, letting everybody, especially Chapdelaine, know that Castleton was the official NAC champion even before the game was over.

"I really started to feel [that we had the NAC wrapped up] once we got that second early goal," said Chapdelaine. "That's something that is really hard to come back from, especially in a big game."

Nov. 6 proved to be an unlucky day for the Eagles, and nothing demonstrated this more than Castleton's third goal.

The goal came 64 minutes into play when Megan Blongy made an attempt to cross the ball after penetrating the box.

The ball found the stomach of Husson defender Katelyn Cloutier and bounced into the bottom corner of Husson's goal, sending the crowd into a frenzy of cheers.

Spartan keeper Erika Davis made four saves and earned her seventh shutout of the season as she anchored a defense that had been even more impressive than the offense all season.

Even once the game was over, the Spartans weren't done dominating as they took up five of the 12 available positions on the NAC All-Tournament Team. Cooke, Chadburn, Blongy, and Maria Arnot were selected from Castleton with Tetreault winning Most Valuable Player.

With the win, Castleton improves to 16-2-1, tying the program's 2004 record for most wins in a season.

Castleton advances to the NCAA National Tournament for the second time in the program's history.

Despite the outcome of this upcoming tournament, Chapdelaine says that he is impressed with the team and that its future looks even brighter than ever with the majority of the starters set to return next season.

"I'll tell you this; this is by far the best team I've ever had here," said Chapdelaine. "And with [most of the starters coming back next season] the future of this program is very exciting."

Field hockey team ousted in overtime

By Kristie Dunchus
Castleton Spartan

The women's field hockey team fell to the number one seed St. Joseph's College in overtime 2-1 on Wednesday, Nov. 4 when they traveled to Standish, Maine for the North Atlantic Conference Semifinals.

The game was very fast-paced and evenly-matched. Both teams had plenty of scoring opportunities throughout the entire match. The Monks would score first just six minutes into the contest.

But Castleton would quickly answer back when senior forward Courtney Nolan knotted up the score just nearly eight minutes later.

The Spartans gained momentum and were able to register four shots on target in the final 20 minutes of the first half.

The score remained dead locked for the remainder of the match until St. Joseph scored in the overtime period.

With the score still tied at the end of the match both teams would battle it out in overtime.

The two teams would duel seven-on-seven for 15 minutes of sudden death.

Castleton had many attempts to clinch victory in the overtime. The Spartans had five shots on goal and three penalty corners in overtime.

In the ninth minute of overtime St. Joseph's Kayla Nowell scooped up a rebound and found the back of the cage to propel the Monks to a 2-1 victory.

St. Joseph advanced to the championship game on Saturday Nov. 6 but fell to Husson University 2-1.

Head Coach Tammy Landon was very pleased with her teams efforts and has no regrets despite the upsetting outcome.

"We had our chances to win and we also prevented their chances throughout a hard fought game," said Landon. "The game really could have gone our way and we are disappointed it didn't, but we played hard throughout and just came up short."

After the game Landon told her team not to hang their heads and brought to light the positives the season possessed.

"We played hard and battled with another strong team and that is what competition is all about," Landon said.

With a very large recruiting class of 13



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Courtney Nolan shoots for open goal.

freshmen Landon is very optimistic about the future success of the program.

"Losing our 4 seniors will be hard for sure but we are returning a very solid crew next year and will continue to gain new faces that will keep our program strong," Landon said.

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Students debate pot bill in Montpelier



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The mock trial addressed bill 217.

By Kimberly Vincent
Castleton Spartan Contributor

Occupying a Vermont State House committee meeting room, a group sat around the table with papers in front of them. One by one, they expressed their positions and ideas on House bill 217, a proposed decriminalization of the possession of marijuana. By the end of the meeting, they were passionately conveying their concerns and ideas about the controversial bill.

But these weren't average Vermont state politicians. They were Castleton students.

Students from the Media & Politics

class ventured to the state's capitol on Oct. 25 to visit the Vermont State House and Vermont Supreme Court. Sanjukta Ghosh, a communication professor, wanted her class to "come back more energized about politics."

The group of eight followed State House tour guide Susan Clark around on a tour and learned some quirks about the State House's architecture, including a curved wall that people, when standing on either end, could whisper to one another and hear it as clear as if standing directly beside each other.

Clark referred to it as a "really romantic building" and students were intrigued by the architecture.

"It was like you were back in history," said junior Danielle Galbreath.

After the tour, the students role played the bill debate. House bill 217 proposes the penalty of possession for one ounce of marijuana or less be reduced to a civil penalty of \$100.

Before embarking on their trip, students were assigned to prepare their arguments.

"It was easier to go in there knowing points," said senior Beth Fleck. "You went in knowing what you wanted to say."

Other students had a less planned approach.

"I really didn't have a set opinion. I can go either way," said junior Tyson Turner.

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What Vet's Day?

By Maria Arnot
Castleton Spartan

It's hard for many people in our country to imagine being in a war. Bullets, bombs, explosions, casualties: it's hard for many people to even fathom.

But for the men and women who have committed themselves to these wars to protect our country, their experiences become part of their lives forever.

And coming back from war to a world where nobody can understand or relate to what they are going through can be devastating.

"After being engaged in war, and developing relationships and adapting to such an environment, it is often quite shocking for students to come back and to sit down in a classroom," said Communication professor and Vietnam War veteran Tom Conroy. "It seems unreal to sit in a class with people who have no idea."

Since war has such an impact on its participants, and countries as a whole, and since Castleton State College houses several war veterans, then why, on Nov. 11, the national Veterans Day holiday, did Castleton do little to nothing to celebrate this sacred day?

While across the state there were ceremonies, parades and tributes taking place, and even though grade schools across the country shut down to dedicate the day to veterans, there was little said or done around the Castleton campus.

"What I would like to see is not to just call off classes, because that would be just giving students a day off, but to have a sort of symposium, or a discussion I should say," said Conroy.

With so many different topics involved with war, Conroy said there could be a series of formal and informal events featuring multiple viewpoints and opinions.

"Otherwise people will self-select," he said.

Conroy noted that three years ago Castleton hosted a symposium that featured guests conveying differing viewpoints of war that students could go and listen to.

"It was quite profound, the camaraderie that these people had despite such opposing viewpoints," he said. "It's too bad that something like that can't happen every year."

Another war Vet, and Castleton business professor Paul Albro, agrees that war vets need to be recognized at CSC.

"The worst thing that soldiers did when they came back from Vietnam was that they went underground," said Albro. "There were a lot of veterans that I knew that had issues they needed to deal with and never did... Their lives might have been very different if they had dealt with things differently."

Both professors noted the impact that both the politics and economics of war have on our society.

"War affects everyone," said Conroy shaking his head. "You will be paying for the Iraq and Afghanistan wars for the rest of your lives."

Although the reason school is in session on Veterans Day is unclear, the Human Resources Department at Castleton suggested that because Castleton schedules a break every five weeks, professors must work on holidays such as Veterans Day and Presidents Day to fulfill union requirements.

Since there is not a formal celebration of Veterans Day at Castleton, both Albro and Conroy offered one way that students can help recognize veterans, and to also help returning war vets deal with readjustment: listen to them.



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Molly Turko, 13, feeds a calf at the Milky Way Organic Farm.



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Vermont's dying farms

CSC's Documentary Workshop class creates video to shed light on growing issue.

By Alison Clark
Castleton Spartan

Trish Young set up her video camera around me! I said wrinkling her nose as she recalls her experience. "It got on my sweats. The workers were dressed for it. I was not."

Young may have been unprepared, but she was able to see firsthand the working conditions at an operating dairy farm.

"They work at 4:30 or 5:00 in the morning. I got to see what they do, it was gross, though."

Young is just one of the 10 students in the Documentary Workshop course, which is in the process of producing a 28 to 40 minute documentary about the dairy farming industry in Vermont.

Each semester the course is offered, the class chooses a topic to investigate, according to Robert Gershon the class's professor.

"We pitched ideas and dairy farming came up," Gershon said. "It seemed to resonate with everybody. Everybody knew people whose farms had gone

away."

For Lydia Jenks, a senior, the project is personal.

"I've seen family friends go out of business," Jenks said. "We used to go to their farms and dip cups into milk pails and pull out a glass of milk. Now you have to push cobwebs aside to get into the barns."

According to Matt Birjas, a senior in the class, the state lost 32 dairy farms in the past year, four in August alone.

"When I found out about the situation, it was startling," Birjas said. "We wanted to prevent it."

Jenks said she thinks people aren't as upset as they should be and it's because the issue has not been brought to their attention in the right way.

"Our goal is to get more people looking at the issue, helping the farmer, and not losing what I romanticize Vermont to be," Jenks said.

The family farm is going out of business in Vermont.

"When my friends from Boston come up, they always joke 'there's more cows than people in Vermont.' But there aren't that many cows. There aren't that many farms," she said.

The documentary looks to show the state of the dairy farm in Vermont from

as many angles and different sides of the issue as possible, Jenks said.

The class has interviewed the Vermont Commissioner of Agriculture, the senior analyst of the Department of Agriculture, the manager of Cabot factory, local farmers and politicians involved in policy.

"We are trying to have a good mix of business people and farmers," Caitlin Lawler, a junior said. "And we've got a lot of cows. Lot's and lot's of cows."

The documentary has been in production since classes began this semester. The class is finishing up shooting this week and will begin editing after Thanksgiving. It will premier during exam week on Dec. 21 at 10:30 a.m. in Herrick Auditorium.

From there, the Vermont Secretary of Agriculture asked to show it at State House.

The importance of the material and the potential impact of the film have given the class motivation to do their best.

"In school you do things because it's an assignment. And class projects are hard, there's always someone who doesn't do their part," Jenks said. "But in this, everyone is behind it. Everyone has a piece of their heart in it. We want a good product that will make an impression."

Student Savanna's tragic loss

By Megan Davis
Castleton Spartan

Savanna Cortvriend's friends and family describe her as loud, shy but friendly, stubborn, imaginative, bubbly, goofy, outgoing, articulate, and witty.

Judging by this, you'd never believe that when she was only 12, Savanna lost her father to cancer.

She came home from her friend Katie's house that night, and her mother was running frantically around the house, and told her that she'd be going back to Katie's. Naturally, she replied that she'd just been there, but her mother told her she was going back. It was then that her eyes found her father at the kitchen table.

He was crying.

"That was the first time I'd ever seen him cry," the Castleton State College freshman said.

Andrew Cortvriend was a big man with a beard that was not only a physical characteristic, but also a personality trait.



Savanna and Andrew Cortvriend.

"One time he shaved it off, and I screamed. I didn't speak to him for like three weeks until he agreed to grow it back," said Savanna, laughing.

"Their relationship was very teasing and loving. He gave her a hard time, but in a joking way," said Katie Schulz, Savanna's best friend from childhood.

In July there was a period of medical testing to see what was wrong with Andrew. Savanna went off to camp like she had every summer before, and her parents

spent time traveling to different doctors and hospitals.

"I never missed her so much as that summer when she was away," said Terri Cortvriend, Savanna's mother.

They found out Andrew had cancer and from then on, everything changed.

"Our entire life schedule kind of ran around when dad had chemo," said Savanna.

"I think she tried to remain very hopeful," said Ella Miller, Savanna's God sibling.

Every winter since Savanna could remember, her family went to Vermont to ski. By then, the doctors said the cancer was in remission, and gone. Andrew was able to ski with her, and it seemed like things would get better. It was also one of the best ski-racing seasons Savanna ever had.

"My dad was a cancer survivor, not a cancer patient," said Savanna.

But that was their last winter with An-

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Sounding Off

We are privileged to have a number of diverse, educational and entertaining Soundings events. Below is a sampling of student comments.

Jarice Hanson:

Communicating More or Less

... I feel that technology has made interaction with peers a simple, multi-faceted endeavor. Yet the fact that we communicate through technology makes it more challenging to understand the underlying intent and the subtle nuances of face to face conversation. This complication of communication causes a great deal of stress when attempting to forge a new friendship or when building up an existing relationship.

Daniel Omand

The Cripple of Inishmaan

... the lighting played a significant role in setting the mood for scenes. When the lights were dimmed to blue/green for the scene where Bobby was fixing his boat, it gave a great impression of being by the sea. Also, as the lights were dimmed or focused for more serious scenes, it set the audience up to know what to expect...

Hillary Perry

I had a hard time deciding which character I relate to the most. I felt that Bobby was the most reasonable, but his violent tendencies made me change my mind. I do relate to wanting to expand my horizons, like Billy tried to do, but I wouldn't try to trick people or leave my family in the dark. Because of these reasons, I decided that I relate most to Johnpattennike, because he tries to do what he thinks is best, and at times shows great compassion.

James Vicki

All My Sons

Chris and his mom are in the final spotlight... because they are the only ones in the family now and they want to comfort each other. Also because they were the only two living in the truth and they are the only ones left...

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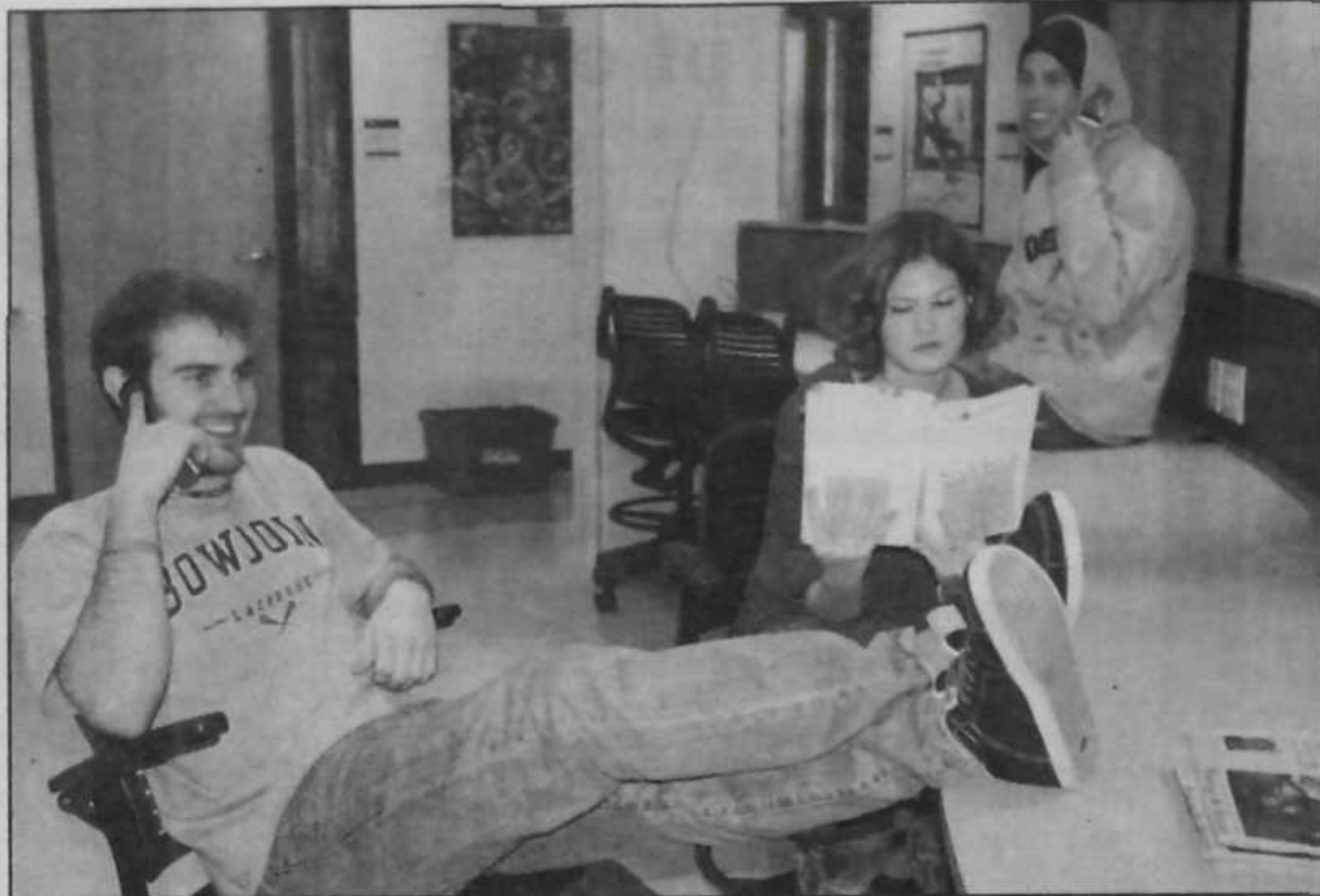


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Quiet places get harder to find when everywhere becomes a chat room.

Has technology made us ruder?

By Nick Minarik

Castleton Spartan

Earlier this month, the Soundings program was responsible for bringing one of the more "current" issues to Castleton, taking it right to the people to which it pertains. Professor Jarice Hanson raised the question of, "Has technology impacted who we are?"

She made points about how immediate everything is; we can communicate with anyone (or everyone) instantly, without even giving it a second thought. She brought up the follow-up question of, "Has this made society ruder on the whole?"

Hanson cited examples of people talking on their cell phones in places where it may be distracting to others, as well as more serious instances such as the suicides caused by cyber-bullying.

On the less serious end of the spectrum, think about something

as simple as posting a comment on Youtube. You can get in arguments with people that you don't even know, saying whatever you want with absolutely no consequences. Complete anonymity is one of the unique features of the Internet, and it has probably the most impact on how we act online. Has this lessened our inhibitions as to what we do and say in day-to-day situations, and if so, can this series of events lead to actions with real consequences?

It's no secret that there have been suicides lately due to bullying online, whether the bullying be in the form of a kid's mom creating a fake Facebook page to ruin another kid, or a college student uploading a compromising video of someone for the entire world to see. Are these the result of changes brought on by technological advances, though?

We believe that these events could not take place without the

presence of individuals with serious inborn malice. While technology contributed to the event and made it easier for the bullying to take place, it is definitely not what caused the "bullies" to act the way they did. It takes a seriously messed up person to consider doing what either of the aforementioned individuals did, and technology cannot be held responsible for making them that messed up.

Has the presence of technology made society ruder on the whole? Perhaps it has. We walk around with headphones in and our heads down, sometimes ignoring the outside world for our own personal satisfaction. However, technology did not create the monsters that lurk on the Internet. They were always out there, it's just that they previously didn't have a way to reach the world.

Technology may be the medium, but it is not the cause.

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"Do we owe anything to future generations of people not yet born?"

"We owe them a world that is at least as good as the one we got from those who came before us. Ideally, we should leave them a world that is better than it was when we got it. Isn't that the point of humans having an intellect (and arguably a soul)? Animals typically leave the world much as they found it when they entered it, humans have the potential to improve it.

To not improve the world is a terrible waste of potential and an injustice to those who follow us."

Flo Keyes

"Well, I have a 10 week old grandson named Jack. I firmly believe that whatever I do, everyday, in any capacity could have a direct impact on Jack today and in his future. Whether I vote or not - whether I volunteer or not- whether or not I bring my best game when I am teaching a class. Whether I pray or not. Whether I am actually in his presence or all the way down here is Vermont- This world is WAY SMALL. Everything counts."

Judith Carruthers

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Fireworks erupt over police coverage

By Ali Flewelling
Spartan Contributor

Castleton taxpayers are unknowingly spending tax dollars for police service in towns where they don't reside, and one Select Board member at the Nov. 8 board meeting said he wants it to stop.

Police Chief Bruce Sherwin told the board that his department is called to other towns by other police agencies a few times a week to back them up, a practice he said happens across the state. But an animated Selectman, Pat Eagan, said Castleton officers should be staying in Castleton.

The board, after ample fireworks between Eagan and Sherwin, voted 3-2 against a motion by Eagan to keep Castleton police officers from assisting officers in other towns.

Sherwin explained that Castleton officers provide service to

other law enforcement agencies upon request of the state police, not the specific town in need.

But Eagan said it doesn't matter, who is requesting.

"If the state of Vermont underfunds their troopers, the town of Castleton shouldn't have to pick up the slack," Eagan shouted with spit flying from his mouth.

Sherwin kept his cool while Eagan became increasingly irritated with his responses.

"No matter what action this board takes I will never leave another officer to hang," said Sherwin.

Sherwin reiterated that the town of Castleton was the first priority, but Eagan was still not satisfied.

He leaned over the table and stared Sherwin directly in the eyes.

"Taxpayers in Castleton shouldn't be providing service for towns with no police officers,"

Eagan said with a raised voice. "If you have a problem with that I suggest you should, I feel you should resign."

Board member Cristine Smith then stepped in to try and relieve the tension.

"Pat this is completely out of line, you take it out in private if you have aggression," she said.

Once things settled down, Board member Jim Leamy asked that Sherwin and Town Manager Charles Jacien work out a financial agreement with bordering towns to pay for Castleton's police service that they currently receive for free.

Also at the meeting, town List-er Kim Miller tried to educate the board about what may be considered conflict of interest stemming from a recent assessment dispute. Miller's efforts were disregarded by the board.

"It's falling on deaf ears," Miller said. "I tried."

In other business:

- Castleton taxpayers will need to come up with \$40,000 this fiscal year for increased healthcare and unemployment insurance rates, Jacien announced.

- Jacien was granted approval to seek an \$8,000 municipal grant to explore the recreational needs of the town.

- A new fire truck has been delivered to the town which will replace two mid 80s Maxum pumper trucks that will be sold for \$3,000. Fire department officials may also choose to strip parts from one of the vehicles and post them for sale on eBay.

- Police Chief Bruce Sherwin announced the purchase of a new cruiser and talked about the ongoing search to hire a new police officer. Both the vehicle and the officer are expected to arrive in about eight weeks.

Fresh Perspectives



Bridgit Erin Connors

Maybe my mind is failing me a bit, but for the life of me I can't seem to pinpoint what I want to say right now. I guess all of my stress over registration has turned my brains into the same contents as the scrambled eggs they serve for breakfast at Fireside. Whatever, I guess it's alright. At least I'm in a good mood today.

I feel like I stepped out of an indie movie that's like Juno, but an actual indie movie, whatever that means. I mean ignoring that whole part of the movie where she's knocked up, it's like this quirky, optimistic type of feeling. I don't know what or where it's from because I got dumped, my legs hurt from training and hockey, I've got a ton of work, and I still need a job, something that will ensure that I will have zero social life. But somehow through all of this, I've still got some dumb goofball smirk on my face.

Maybe I shouldn't dwell on why I am happy, but rather enjoy it and just be happy. It's all about the little things in life I guess. I try not to take those little things like finally having headphones that work, getting an assignment done on time for once, and a smile when you walk by someone on the way to class for granted, but it is hard sometimes.

I think buddy the elf says it best in Elf when he says, "I love smiling. Smiling is my favorite." I swear, it's so simple, but it can really get you through the day. It's all in the attitude, as long as you are not being obnoxious.

Hold your head high, and as I love to say, "get yo swag on."

Other than that, I've just been waiting to head home for one hell of a turkey day.

I'm also ready to party a bit with some friends back in Ct. Thanksgiving could not come soon enough. Football, family, food until I can't stand it and good times. Oh and there's always the fight for the wishbone, that is fun. Even after all of these years, I still get protective of that damn wishbone, especially this year. I think I've even got a bit of an idea what I would wish for.

Bon Jovi superfan

By Jessica Lawrenson
Castleton Spartan

She is standing in the crowd, 13 rows back, with a florescent orange thong on her head with the flower on the front directly in the center of her forehead above her rock star shades.

She sings her heart out to the group of men on stage singing back to the 50,000- person crowd she's among. Merle Bronson is in her glory at a Bon Jovi concert.

Looking at the 58-year-old Bronson on the street or walking across campus, you might not expect this other side of her.

Go to her office, though, and the clues are everywhere.

There's a bulletin board with 17 photos of concerts she attended. There are 6 photos of album logos, the Jon Bon Jovi background on her desktop computer and her jean jacket with Bon Jovi patches.

There's even a Bon Jovi Smurf playing a keyboard that her co-worker gave her board and a Bon Jovi CD playing.

"I'm an idiot fan," she said with a big smile.

Bronson heard Bon Jovi for the first time on MTV in 1986. She was living on a Navy base in California with her now second ex-husband, rocking her newborn son. She was immediately smitten with Jon Bon Jovi and his music saying said she thought to herself, 'boy he can fill out a pair of jeans.' She never saw him live until 2003 because as a single mother she said she had other financial obligations.

She has been married twice, but Bronson said the first one wasn't long enough to count. It was a year and two months exactly from marriage to divorce. Bronson has lived as far as California and as close as Poultney. She has one son, Dennis Bronson.

"He thinks I'm nuts," said Bronson. That's an accurate depiction, he said.



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Merle Bronson displays her Bon Jovi collage in her office.

"Sometimes she gets carried away with what she likes," explained Dennis Bronson, "but what ever makes her happy I guess."

It is obvious Bon Jovi makes her happy, evidenced by the huge smile while watches videos online of the band or reminiscing with her scrapbook. Every page of the scrapbook is crammed with photos confetti, decorations, her seven of eight fan club cards and even the thong from her first concert that was given to her as part of a concert survival kit that her colleagues in the registrar's office gave her. In addition to the thong, it contained sunglasses, ear plugs and three types of liquor among other items, she said.

Going on her eighth concert now, she still has not opened anything from the kit - aside from pulling the thong out, of course.

"Merle is just a very happy person at a concert and so focused," said Need first name describing her co-worker at a show.

"It is a hellacious good time," said Bronson.

Vandalism continues to plague Castleton campus

By Meagan Harris
Castleton Spartan

In lieu of the most recent incidences of vandalism on campus, the Public Safety office and Dennis Proulx, the dean of students, have sent out an email as a step toward apprehending those who might be held accountable.

"It's kind of the same story—most things that have been classified recently as vandalism are again minor acts of usually drunken behavior. No matter what an example is though, it must be classified, paid for and cleaned up. Sometimes accidents happen when people are just trying to have fun," says Proulx, "That doesn't make it okay, but it definitely comes from a different mentality."

Some examples of classified vandalism that aren't necessarily malicious are soup on fire extinguishers, vomit in the hallway or wall damage, he said.

Recently reported or discovered acts of vandalism on campus have been especially prevalent in Castleton Hall and, as indicated by the email sent out on Nov. 9, vehicular damage.

"The only real pattern, if you could really call it that, is the damage and breaking into of cars in the parking lots," Proulx said.

Besides the email sent out to students asking for their assistance in

catching those who might responsible, the campus has instituted a confidential tip line.

"It's a way that people can act when they see things happening," says Public Safety director Bob Godlewski, "So far we've had two tips and both are under investigation."

Don't be mistaken, the tip line isn't anonymous, but it does provide for a confidential place for students to come forward with what they have seen.

Currently, there are sixteen cameras on campus that hold a ten to twelve-day archive.

"The only issue is," Godlewski explains, "that we don't always get reports the day of incidences. This is especially true in the case of car vandalism. If we don't know what time something occurred, we don't necessarily know what we're looking for, and it can take 72 hours to review the camera archives and find any shred of evidence."

Proulx also said that making the college safer is a goal of his.

"We've continued to try and make this campus safer. Over the years we've made it a priority to make the darker areas more light around campus and to make sure we have resources, like this new tip line, so that everyone can be more active in the safety of the campus," explains Proulx.

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November 2010

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11/07	Theft	Observatory Lot
11/09	Fire Alarm / Failure to Comply	Glenbrook Gym
11/09	Underage Drinking	Front of Babcock
11/10	Unwanted Guest	Ellis Hall
11/10	Vehicle Vandalism	Observatory Lot
11/11	Medical Assistance	Ellis Hall
11/12	Theft	Observatory Lot
11/12	Weapon / Unregistered Guest / NAT	Lynch Lot
11/13	Fender Bender	Upper FAC Lot
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Question: What is your biggest fear?



Emilio Cibula

Freshman

"A catamount cougar jumping out at me at night."



Greg Bachilas

Sophomore

"Losing Meredith (girlfriend) to the Burlington Liberals"



Julie Dorsey

Junior

"Dirty toilet seats."



Tina Caden

Sophomore

"Snakes."



Trish Young

Senior

"Drowning."

The Last Days in Santa Fe

By Wanderin' Wyatt Aloisio
Castleton Spartan

The Semester in the Southwest is slowly but surely drawing to its end and the 18 students and two professors involved are making the most of their final few weeks in the American Southwest.

Having returned recently from a three-day excursion to the Grand Canyon, the members of the class made several other day trips to other significant locations in and around the Santa Fe region while working to complete semester-long projects and make final presentations for their professors.

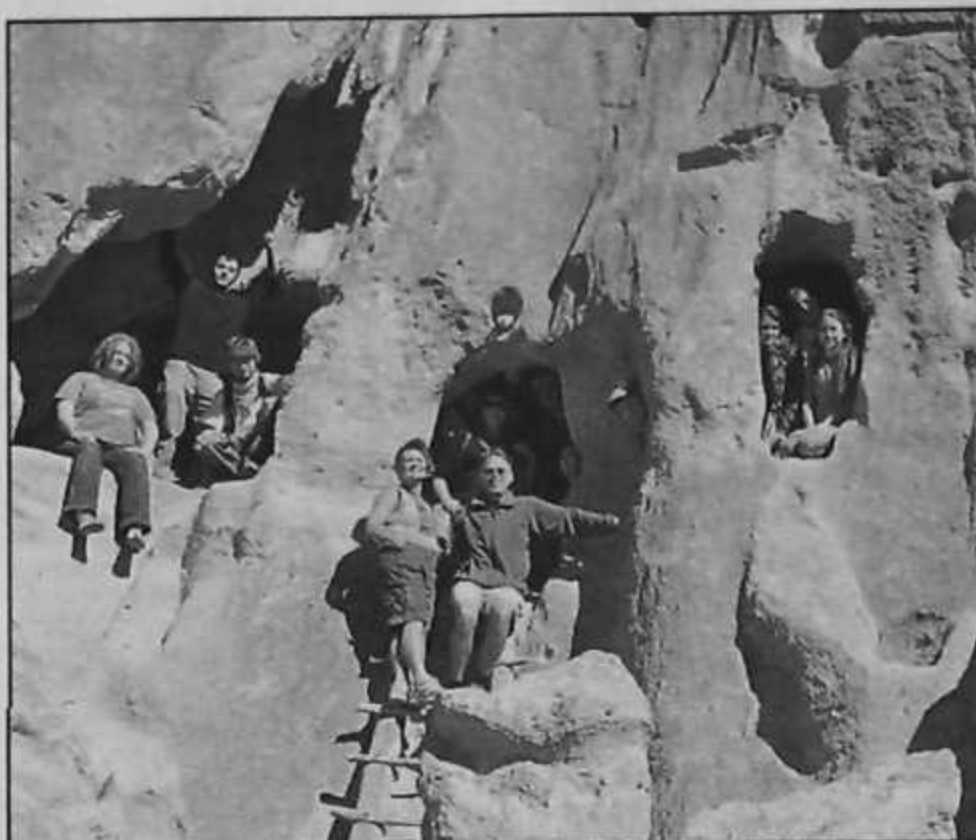
"We had a lot on our plates," said student Molly Hornbeck. "We had to give presentations in Anthropology, create final pieces for art, and work on independent studies. The fact that we still got to visit so many awesome sites so close to the end of our trip was really great though."

The class made several trips to sites like Bandelier National Monument, a park housing some of the most impressive Ancestral Native American ruins and sites seen on the trip.

Built on the incline of the Valles Caldera Volcano (a massive million-year old structure that shaped much of the southwest with its eruption), Bandelier hosts an expansive forest area with awe inspiring scenery and settlement ruins that differ from what most people would think.

"A lot of the monument had cave dwellings, not buildings that the Ancient peoples built out from the cliff-face like other places, but actual natural caves that many people could live in," says sophomore Bryanna Rickstad.

Additionally, the class rounded out their trip with visits to several local Pueblo villages. These settlements, founded by mainly Native peoples with Spanish influences, have remained unchanged by the progress of the outside world for centuries and are "independent nations" to that of local government.



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The Santa Fe class hangs around in some cliff dwellings at Bandelier National Monument for one of their final day trips.



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The group poses behind the big hole in the Southwest, The Grand Canyon.

These secretive societies are open to the public for a price and are closed outright during annual rituals, which still to this day remain hidden in practice.

"I was happy we were able to fit Taos Pueblo and San Ildefonso Pueblo into our time out here" remarks senior Samantha McClay fondly. "We studied the works of Maria Martinez in art throughout our time here, and to see where she lived and some of her work was really great."

Martinez, a resident of San

Ildefonso in her lifetime, was famous for her fired black pottery techniques. To this day her work sells for thousands of dollars and heavily influences modern pottery makers.

While the group had much to do in the way of class work and finishing their visits to other sites, it did not stop them from having one last group dinner on Tuesday night with their professors and the staff of Ghost Ranch Santa Fe to commemorate their time in the southwest and the hospitality of

the staff.

"It's been a blessing to have lived here for these past three months and truly wonderful to have had the members of Ghost Ranch be with us" says art professor Liza Myers.

The Students will be leaving to head home for the week of Thanksgiving via planes, trains and automobiles and will be working to give a public presentation to Castleton in the Old Chapel on Dec. 2 about their amazing semester in the Southwest.

Spring breakers head to Jamaica—to work

By Aaron Zrenda
Spartan Contributor

Spring break for many college students means tan bodies, white sand, window clear water, jet skies, beer splattering and bumping and grinding -- all at your disposal. But some students from Castleton State College have opted for something more rewarding this spring break.

They will trade in their party shoes and help the young students of Jamaica and people of the community in which they are staying by mentoring children, helping with the restoration of the surrounding habitats and helping repair schools and homes.

"I remember a few years back we held a habitat trip meeting in Jeffords Auditorium and it was amazing how many students had shown up that day. What was even crazier was half of them bolting out the door once they had realized the trip was not intended for any drinking or partying," Jan Rouse, Castleton State College's Alternative Spring Break advisor, said while chuckling.

The trip is all business, but students may go on a few excursions of their own to explore different things the country has to offer, Rouse said.

The students will work as a group during the day and then break into groups of two or three staying with locals at night.

"The groups in which we will be working with ask for specific numbers. We do not want any waiting time. We just want to fit their needs for the short period of time that we are there. This is why our students must go through an application process and those who get selected must pay a small down payment of a yet to be determined amount," Rouse said.

The process is intense.

About 40 people applied for the chance to go to Jamaica, and only 14 were accepted. Each applicant was interviewed and thoroughly examined because of the responsibility involved, Rouse said.

"They are a panel and they rattle off questions at you questioning your integrity. It was really intimidating having four people trying to trick you," says Jill Bassett, a sophomore who was accepted for the trip.

Castleton students are fundraising to earn \$15,000 for the trip. This year they are raising money through events like a school dance and setting up recycling bins around campus in which all the bottle and can proceeds go straight to the trips cost.

Students say raising that much money isn't easy.

"You have to be passionate about it, I mean, it is wicked hardcore. You think it is volunteer work and anyone can go, and it is not like that at all," Bassett said.

Despite the daunting figure, every year the fund-raising goal has been met and the group has even at times been able to use leftover money toward service projects once they got to their destination.

"The students going will help mentor and assist the children with whatever materials the child does not have and may need, such as purchasing new pencils or paper for them," said Chrispin White, a Castleton State College student activities advisor.

Students in previous years have gone to places like El Salvador and New Orleans to help. The objectives vary from year to year based on the needs of the area supervisor. Students in the past have rescued and medicated abandoned animals, built ditches for homes and schools and tried to educate the younger people in the communities.

D-Phresh

By Alex Esser
Castleton Spartan Contributor

When ordinary people hear the word fresh, they may think of fresh water, or fresh fruit, fresh out of college or fresh cookies. At Castleton State College though, the thought of fresh brings means none of the above.

At Castleton, fresh means Douglas J. Phillips, known by most as D-Phresh, Dougie Phresh or more simply, Phresh.

It's not too hard to forget Phresh. His long, dark, wavy hair flows out from underneath his light blue hat that reads, Phresh. You can usually find him wearing one of many long scarves he has collected over the years. Or you may have heard him screaming at the top of his lungs at a soccer game.

"I love soccer, that's my favorite sport. I always go to the soccer games. I'm the loudest person there," he said with a smile.

From a young age, Phresh gravitated toward anything athletic.

"My mom always said I learned how to run before I learned how to walk," he said with a loud laugh.

"Phillips spent his summers at the beach club swimming in the pool and ocean and playing some tennis. He also really

enjoyed paint ball and he and some neighborhood kids set up a course in the nearby woods," said his older sister Christa Phillips.

"He was also really good at Skateboarding. Pretty much any physical activity, Doug excelled," she added.

Phresh is an amazing swimmer. You can find him early mornings swimming in the school pool before his lifeguard duties begin. He was top 10 in his conference while attending Monmouth Regional High School.

But things weren't always so great for Phresh. On Feb. 10, 2007, he found himself in a fight for his life.

"I was leaving my state swim meet and got hit head on by another car, like Jaws of Life, pronounced dead on the scene. I remember being in a lot of pain," he said.

John Anderson, a life-long friend, remembers when he heard the news.

"I found out when I was coming home from a skiing trip to Vermont, and I really didn't believe it. He's like my best friend, I didn't want to believe it," he said in a somber tone.

Phresh suffered a broken spine at the T-9 and T-10 vertebrae. Doctors feared that he

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Johnson State College theater crew members create a set in Casella Theater (above) while Picnic actors (right) practice during dress rehearsal.



Taking the show on the road

By Renee Berhel
Spartan Contributor

It was 2 a.m. by the time the crew returned from a grueling yet gratifying 19-hour day. The technicians left Castleton at 6 a.m. to ensure the stage, lights, and sound system were set up accordingly.

This trip marked the second time Castleton State College's theater department packed up a show and hit the road to Johnson State College. And this year, Johnson for the first time brought a show here, featuring All My Sons on Nov. 16.

"It was a long day, but it was extremely cool seeing my design come to life," said Louis Riquelme, the scenic designer and master carpenter who also drove the 24-foot truck filled with equipment.

Harry McEnerny, chair of the theater department, said the idea of the exchange started a year and a half ago when a Johnson theater department faculty member passed away and his colleagues wanted to do something to remember him by. Together it was decided that it would be a great opportunity for the students to see what it was like to create a show that had to travel.

Austyn Bevins, one of the actors in this

year's play who helped get costumes ready for last year's show, said things were a lot more organized this year.

"From what I understand, it was kind of a shit show last year, but this year we turned out ahead of schedule," he said, adding that although he wasn't there, performers said this year's show went much smoother.

Bevins said the actors had to adjust to certain things such as sound and projection, a seemingly smaller stage, and much less rehearsal and prep time, but in the end the change of venue gave them the adrenaline they needed to make it through the day.

Steve Gross, the school scenic designer and technical director, stressed that the biggest challenge at Johnson was lighting. The school had a completely different light system meaning different brands and a different number of lights, he said.

But John Lukas, the light board operator said, luckily the commands can be saved on a memory stick and plugged into Johnson's light board.

"It was good to collaborate with Johnson," Lukas said.

Riquelme also commented on the light troubles.

"You can bring the set, but you can't bring

the lighting equipment," he said.

It was stressful but for this show, the lights were the least of his worries. It was his first time being in charge of an entire set, which he said was more stressful because "you can't do everything yourself."

Jan Herder, the director of Dibden Center for Arts at Johnson, said he is excited about the swap. He is creating a video blog about the event that can be found on Youtube, the first of which has already been posted. He also hopes to possibly turn the exchange of plays into a "collaborative competition" like a sporting event.

"A bit rad, I know," he said.

Although deemed a success, McEnerny said he isn't sure whether the department will take another show to Johnson or the Paramount Theater like they used to. Touring a show can be a stressful experience and this year they traded some energy for the next show, for traveling, he said.

It's not the money that is spent that matters, but the fatigue and loss of energy is what they pay, McEnerny said. But according to him, it was worth it.

"If the benefits did not outweigh the cost, we wouldn't do it," McEnerny said.

Señor Senior



Mike DelDotto

Those NIKE uniform designs for the 2012 NFL season that got leaked all over the place online are fake according to Yahoo. Sorry. I thought some of them were pretty awesome too. Remember that scene in Starship Troopers where they're playing futuristic football and the uniforms are all futuristic-y too? They reminded me of that, except all sorts of more awesome.

The Baltimore Sun's Raven blog posted the uniforms earlier in the week and they got blasted through the Internet like a shotgun spray in the new Black Ops video game. If you haven't seen them yet, Google "2012 NFL uniforms"...I'll wait. Seen 'em? Good, now I'll continue.

Yahoo Sports also says that NIKE will takeover the NFL uniforms for the 2012 season after the league's deal with Reebok runs out. NIKE will design all new concepts, according to the report.

This season, the marketing people at NIKE promoted their "Pro Combat" uniforms for different college matchups. The uniforms looked to have amazing material and futuristic color schemes. I was fortunate to grow up outside Boston where I can root for a hometown team in every major professional sport. But those who moved to the middle of the country only have large, scratch that, immense universities that they never attended to worship. So I'm not savvy on college ball, and I don't really care about it much. But the Pro Combat uniforms were pretty sick, and I'm excited for the NFL designs. If there's an evil corporation to cheer on, I'll go with NIKE.

I have no idea how this turned into a fashion column, but my real issue is with sports marketing nowadays. New uniforms, if they don't break individual traditions, can be beneficial. (NHL) but what happens when you want to buy your favorite NFL player's new jersey? Are there going to be 300-pound dads with those new skin-tight things?

Also, hey sports marketers, we don't need any more basketball teams in March Madness for example, I can't count to 64 as it is. And that stupid, stupid, hang on...stupid, football game between Northwestern and Illinois at Wrigley field that went down Saturday? One end zone? If the area is too small to fit an adequate gridiron, for a normal college football game, it doesn't take a mechanical engineering wiz like William Hung to say, "heck, probably shouldn't play football here."

I get it, Northwestern and Illinois used to play at Wrigley and have great matchups. Old stadiums like Wrigley and Fenway have changed a lot to have more seats and up to date technology. So come on, we all could have saved some time if you just walked out there with a tape measurer first. Hung.



Movie Review: Killers

By Alison Clark
Castleton Spartan



It's every girls dream; finding that perfect chiseled guy while vacationing in the south of France. That's just what happens to Jennifer in "Killers". Jennifer Kornfeldt, played by Katherine Heigl (Knocked Up, The Ugly Truth, and Grey's Anatomy) is a simple, average, drop-dead gorgeous blond who is struggling to find Mr. Right. When she meets Spencer Aimes, played by Ashton Kutcher (What Happens in Vegas, The Guardian, That Seventy's Show), she knows he is just what she's looking for.

Spencer is, of course, an assassin who gives up a life of killing to move to the suburbs and build dozens of indistinguishable houses. And Jennifer has no idea of his murderous past.

Three years into a fairly happy marriage, Spencer is called upon to take another job. The job offer sets into motion a slew of "sleeper agents," people posing as friends that are really trained killers, charged with taking him out.

His secret is exposed.

Jennifer is furious, but not furious enough to leave him. So they agree to move forward and work together find out how who is behind the hit on Spencer's life.

Killers is directed by Robert Luketic (Legally Blonde and The Ugly Truth), who delivers an off-beat romantic-action-comedy. Heigl and Kutcher have a spark and are believable as husband and wife. Bitter sarcastic repartee between the two is natural and fun. Kutcher leans on his Kelso ways to create a character that is similarly goofy and lovable while Heigl is painfully awkward in a way that is reminiscent of her role in Grey's Anatomy.

Some of the situations are a little far fetched, but so is the overall plot. If you can buy into that, it's easy to go along with the over-the-top action and typical story line.

Killers is predictable, but its big-name cast keeps it entertaining and light.

Xbox is king at CSC



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CSC student Jenn March plays video games in her spare time.

By Megan Davis
Spartan Contributor

When Atari popularized the famous video game "Pong" in 1975 it changed the world forever. It brought notice to an industry that slowly grew into the worldwide phenomenon that it is today.

Fast forward to Ellis Hall room 332 in 2010. The one-movement Pong knobs have been replaced by multi-button and multi-stick controllers that students hammer away at with their thumbs and forefingers several hundred times a minute trying to score a goal, a touchdown, or a kill.

All the while, the combatants playing the game yelling at the top of their lungs:

"WHAT?! ARE YOU SERIOUS!?"

"THIS IS RIDICULOUS!"

"HOW'D YOU KNOW I WAS THERE?!"

"NOOO! NOOO! YOU DID NOT KILL ME!"

It's the era of Xbox and Playstation - and it's only going to advance.

Corporate combatants

Currently, Sony and Microsoft are two main game console distributors worldwide. These are the companies that make the Playstation and Xbox, respectively.

At least one of these systems

is present in almost every college dorm room. On Castleton State College's campus, the Xbox is most popular.

In total since 2006, 334 Xboxes have been registered on campus with the Information Technology department.

"I'd say well over 100 of those registered Xboxes have a current lease," said John Czar, network administrator at Castleton.

Only 87 Playstations have been registered since 2006.

"Xboxes are preferred. From what I've heard they seem to work better on high contention networks," Czar said.

High contention networks are networks with high areas of traffic or a lot of users at one time - like a college campus.

Playstation owners aren't that fortunate.

"I can't seem to get my network to work at school. It works so well at home, and it confuses me," said Dylan Plumley, a junior Playstation 3 owner.

So it's clear that Xboxes are preferred, but the big question is, why?

"I had Sony for a long time. I switched to Xbox mostly because one of my friends showed me the original Halo. I saw a lot of the more fun games for that system," said Tucker Krause, a junior Xbox owner at Castleton.

Marcus Hass has a different reason for preferring Xbox.

"I have huge hands, so Playstation controllers are uncomfortable. Xbox has a big chunky controller that fits with your hands," he said.

Nick Minarik has another reason still why Playstations aren't for him.

"A lot of the games I like to play are released years later on Playstation or not at all," he said.

But in order to play Xbox Live with and against others, people must pay a monthly fee of \$7.99,

or a yearly fee of \$50.

Playstation Network is free.

There is a version of Xbox Live that's free, Xbox Silver, but you can't play against other people.

"There are a lot of unforeseeable problems with online play. It really depends on how much money a company is willing to put into a network," Plumley said.

Still to come

On Sept. 17, Sony released Playstation Move, a motion sensing game controller much like the Nintendo Wii.

"I didn't even know it was released. Halo Reach overshadowed the launch of Move," Plumley said.

It seems though that Playstation didn't expect Move to do very well at first launch anyway.

According to lup.com, Sony Computer Entertainment vice president Ray Maguire said that Sony expects initial sales for the controller to be "modest," with the device catching on as word-of-mouth spread.

"Their friends bought it. They told their friends. Word of mouth grew the marketplace. That's what I expect from Move as well," Maguire said.

But will it catch on?

"I think they're just trying to compete with the Wii. I probably won't get it," Plumley said.

On the complete other end of the spectrum, Microsoft is due to release Kinect on Nov. 4. Kinect, unlike Nintendo and Sony, is taking it one step further.

There won't be a controller at all.

According to Kineticboom.com, Xbox product director Aaron Greenberg predicts that Kinect will "sell in excess of three million units this holiday."

While Sony and Microsoft seem to have high expectations for success, whether eventual or immediate, it seems that the college students are a little more skeptical.

"I might get it in a year, after they fix whatever bugs it might have," Krause said.

Montpelier mock trial

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Students gave their stances on whether or not they would pass the bill.

Using statistics, personal opinions and previous cases, students deliberated and ultimately amended the bill to include a "three strikes and you're out" rule and a provision to protect people who receive financial help from immediately having that terminated.

Going through the process opened students' eyes about Vermont legislature.

"I'm happy to see the legislature has to go through quite a bit of process and deliberation before anything can be passed," commented Fleck.

After working their way through the bill process inside the State House, the class moved onto the Vermont Supreme Court.

"We didn't even know where the Supreme Court building was," Galbreath said, laughing.

Students ended their day by role playing a previous Supreme Court case involving the ownership of a hunting dog that became lost and ultimately found a new home with an older woman.

Taking on the roles of the two parties involved and three of the five Supreme Court justices, students once again debated.

"Everyone liked the Supreme Court role," Ghosh commented.

The two parties explained their sides, throwing remarks at one another, and trying to get a final say into the argument after they had already made their argument. In the end, the three appointed court justices agreed unanimously to let the older woman keep the dog.

"I didn't know a lot of stuff to do with the process in general," said Melissa Shaw, a junior who played the role of a court justice. "Sitting in a judge's seat - I thought was pretty cool."

Student Savanna's tragic loss

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drew.

The following summer, Savanna went off to camp once more.

"I know this took a tremendous amount of courage on her part," said Terri.

When she got home from camp, the physical change in her father was more than Savanna wanted to see. Andrew was no longer that big guy. He was skinny, and visibly sick. Doctors were in the house constantly.

A few months later, on Sept. 6, 2006, Andrew passed away.

Savanna was picked up that day, brought home only to shower and say goodbye before she'd be spending the night at one of her mom's friend's houses. Her mother did not want her there when he passed. She didn't want to be there, either.

"Her strength and composure that afternoon made all the adults cry," Mary Cortvriend, Savanna's grandmother, said.

Savanna told him that she loved him, and that she'd miss him before she left, and at 9:30 p.m. she received the call that he was gone.

Andrew's funeral was outside a nature preserve, so instead of a headstone he has a tree in memory of him.

"She could not handle the emotions at first. She was 12 and her world was suddenly turned on its head," Schulz said.

Andrew donated his body to Brown's medical center for cancer research.

The family received his ashes in February of 2008.

That May, they hiked up Okemo Mountain, walked down his favorite trail and sprinkled his ashes as they walked.

For her senior class project, in order to graduate, Savanna organized a grief counseling group at school for other teenagers who had lost a close family member.

"Savanna chose to take a difficult life changing loss and turn it into an opportunity," Terri said.

Birdseye Diner serving local food

By Meghan Keating
Castleton Spartan Contributor

Giant homemade muffins line the top of the baby blue and yellow tile-faced counter of the old-fashioned Birdseye Diner, while black cushioned metallic stools frame the front allowing for a tasty peak into a freshly stocked kitchen.

Every bright red cushioned booth was full at 9 a.m. Friday, but this is considered a mundane business period for the Main Street eatery.

When asked if that was seen as busy, waitress Debbie Griffin said, "oh no, you should see this place at 7 every morning."

"You get some real characters," Griffin said. "Weekends in general are pretty busy too."

Then again, why wouldn't a place like this be packed regularly? Owner of the Birdseye, John Rehlen is a proud member of the Vermont Fresh Network, which is meant to bring local farms and businesses together.

"I believe it's important not only for the local economy, but the freshness and quality is important too," said Rehlen.

Rehlen listed over 15 different Vermont farms and Vermont product producing companies



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Waitress Amy Hadwen speaks to a customer.

from all over the state that the Birdseye buys many of its products from.

"I think it's very unique in knowing my food I eat there is fresh and I know it's coming from trustworthy people and not from delivery trucks from far away states," said Jess Berry, Castleton State College senior.

It's not just the origin of the products that students and locals may be attracted to, but the atmosphere as well.

"You can tell that the waitresses know almost everyone that comes in," said Morgan Gendron, a transfer student from

Mount Ida in Newton, Mass. "Whenever I go there, they seem to crack jokes with a lot of the customers."

Products that are regularly stocked that aren't considered seasonal include milk from Thomas Dairy in Rutland, free-range eggs from Maple Meadow Farm in Salisbury, Cabot cheddar cheeses and butter from the town of Cabot, and the tomatoes come from Whipple Hollow Hydroponic Farm in Florence. Vermont Herb and Salad provides seasonal items as well and also, whenever available, natural, never frozen grass fed burger

from Belted Galloway cows is used from Ira, Rehlen said.

"This is part of our mission," said Rehlen. "It's important for the community to know where their food is coming from."

Zack Wiessner, a senior at Castleton State College, was surprised to learn the diner belonged to the Vermont Fresh Network.

"It's nice to know that now. I feel like it helps the farms themselves out too, by getting the word out for their products," said Wiessner. "I'd prefer that the products be local because it gives back to the community and the area."

CSC's own brand of Phresh

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would be paralyzed from the waist down. Not one, but two surgery's later, his back was fitted with rods, pins, and screws.

"They had to collapse my left lung in order to get the cage and pins in," Phresh said.

His scars, along with his x-rays are a reminder of this horrible accident.



"My world came crashing down. At the time, they were pretty confident Doug would live, but that there was a very strong chance he would be paralyzed," Christa said. "My brother was such a good athlete and physically oriented person I couldn't wrap my head around him never walking again. This was the kid who would leap up six stairs in one bound just because he could and it drove my mom nuts."

Against the odds, he walked, yes, walked out of inpatient care in 30 days. "They wanted me to use the walker, but I walked out with a cane."

This was not the end of the road for his recovery though. Phresh had to wear a back brace to keep his spine from moving. It takes time for the metal rods, and pins to fuse with the bone.

He was expected to have a long recovery ahead of him, but within four months, he was walking in his high school graduation.

After the accident he took a new course

in life. Instead of the athletic lifestyle, he turned to his other passion, making people laugh.

"I was always a funny kid, but after I broke my back I had to use my mind and my brain. I couldn't rely on sports anymore."

The majority of you may know Phresh from his stand up comedy at Pub Nights. He can make anyone laugh, and if you don't think so, have a conversation with him.

"Phresh has a unique style of comedy. He's a character and has a signature style," said Castleton senior Ryan Baldinelli.

"When all these people were waiting for him (in the hospital), he asked my sister and I, 'Are there any hot girls, can you send them in?' Only Doug still barely able to move his toes would ask this question," Christa said.

His ultimate goal is to be a professional comedian like his favorites George Carlin and Dave Chappelle.

But Phresh doesn't only like to make people laugh. He is very involved with many clubs and the community. His last club, The Reef Check Club, went to St. Johns in the Virgin Islands to do volunteer scientific research. He's also involved with Peer Advocates For Change, is a WIUV DJ and has been in school plays.

"Doug is a very community oriented person and caring person," said professor Robert Wuagneux.

He's also well known by students. "He can always put a smile on your face, or make you laugh that's for sure," said Gerritt Wesselink, a good friend of Phresh's.

As he looks towards the future, he doesn't dwell on the past. He appreciates life everyday and looks to make people laugh. His favorite joke to make people laugh is short and sweet.

"Never on time. But always on schedule."



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Douglas Phillips (D-Phresh) entertains a crowd.

Teaching female inmates in prison

By Kelsey LaPoint
Castleton Spartan



Lora Lempert

presentation read: "It's like falling in love": Teaching in Prison. Many would automatically question this statement because it seems so strange. Falling in love? In prison? Isn't that a little inappropriate?

But Lempert explained the different kind of love she was referring to.

"This came up in class a couple of weeks ago, when someone was trying to describe her experience as a member of the Inside-Out Prison Exchange program and she said it was a little like falling in love. She wasn't talking about falling in love with a single person...that's not allowed in the program...what she's talking about is falling in love with the process of learning in the Inside Out Program."

The Inside-Out Prison Exchange program is a community-

based service learning initiative that allows professors to teach incarcerated women alongside university students who act as peers. The program was started in 2003 by Lempert, who brought university-level classes to women in Scott Correctional Facility for Women in Plymouth, Michigan. This pilot program was funded by discretionary funds from the University of Michigan and became so successful that other universities started to replicate it.

Lempert focused on women, although the Inside-Out Program does involve incarcerated men, because she believes they are "forgotten" because 93 percent of people in prison are men.

"Women make up an increasing share of imprisonment...over 80 percent have children under the age of 18, over 85 percent of women in prison have history of family or interpersonal abuse," she said.

She said most of these women who are incarcerated have committed "survival crimes" - for prostitution, drugs, shoplifting or writing bad checks. They are called "survival crimes" because women who commit them are usually doing because they need to support their

family. Women in prison are usually poor, of color, uneducated, single parent or head of household who often don't know when they are going to get their next meal to feed themselves or their family.

These characteristics matched the women in the Scott Correctional Facility where Lempert was teaching.

"The women inside...are the most honest, sincere, generous, forgiving, and thoughtful, both reflectively and academically, women that I know. They are pretty amazing," she said.

Lempert first got her start when the American Friend's Society asked her to teach a Family Violence class for the women's prison. She declined to teach Family Violence, but taught a class called Understanding Women, which was an introduction to women's studies. They started with about 27 students who applied in open enrollment, and Lempert and her colleagues

team taught the class. At the end of the pilot class, professor and student evaluations were so high that they decided to continue the program and offer even more classes. When the women leave the prison, they can take their hard-earned credits with them and enroll at the University of Michigan.

Lempert beamed as she spoke of the success of the program.

"This December we're going to be graduating our first women, and in May there will be the first master student," she said.

Asked how she responds to people who don't support the education of incarcerated people, she responded in a matter-of-fact tone.

"These folks are going to be out at some point... Do you want the person who has spent the last 15 years doing nothing? Maybe becoming a better criminal? Or do you want people living next to you who have redefined their lives and are moving forward?"

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Oh so close for Spartan football



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Wide receiver Evan Cassidy makes a grab in the win against Mount Ida on homecoming weekend.

By Kristie Dunchus
Castleton Spartan

The Castleton football team went 5-4 this season and finished second in the Eastern Collegiate Football Conference and only plans to get better.

The Spartans finished the season at 5-2 in the ECFC, a vast improvement from last year's record of 3-6 overall and 1-5 in conference play.

Castleton missed a postseason bowl bid by one game. Castleton was tied for second along with Mount Ida and Norwich. But the Spartans were left out when both the Mustangs and the Cadets received ECAC bowl bids. Castleton beat Mount Ida during the regular season but lost to Norwich by nine points in the annual Vermont Maple Sap Bucket Championship.

Going into the season Castleton was looking to close in on the rest of the conference and one of the biggest keys to

doing so was experience. In 2009 the pre-season camp featured roughly 100 players who had never experienced college football. This season the team featured 40 veterans to help guide the new players.

The Spartans even exceeded Head Coach Rich Alercio's expectations. Alercio said experience was the key factor in the team's success this season and he was very pleased and surprised with his team.

"It went a heck of a lot better than I thought it was going to go," said Alercio. "We were much more experienced. We had guys who understood what college football was all about."

Alercio believes if his team continues to take steps in the right direction and just maintain what they've been doing there is no doubt in his mind the outcome of next season will be much different.

"If we make the strides into year three like we did into year two I think we will be playing in the postseason," Alercio said.

Men's basketball off to a 2-1 start

By Kristie Dunchus
Castleton Spartan

The Men's basketball team traveled to Amherst, Mass. this past weekend for the annual Ken Wright Memorial Tournament. The Spartans went 1-1 in the weekend finishing the opening week of their season 2-1 overall.

Castleton went into the tournament 1-0 after defeating Springfield College 2-59 on Nov. 15. In the first round of the tournament on Nov. 19 Castleton faced Well's College.

Although Well's out-rebounded Castleton 44-30 the Spartans grabbed 14 steals and caused a total of 27 turnovers that turned into 27 points. Castleton would then go on a 9-0 run with just under nine minutes in regulation to put the Spartans up by 10 points. The Spartans lead never went below eight points for the remainder of the contest letting Castleton pull away with a 66-57 win.

Castleton advanced to the championship round the next day against the host team Amherst College. The Spartans started out strong with a 5-0 lead, but Amherst would quickly answer back scoring a three-pointer just eight minutes into the half to take the lead. Amherst would never surrender the lead for the remainder of the game.

After giving up 89 points to Maine Farmington in its previous night's

win, Amherst picked up its defensive intensity holding Castleton to 34 points causing the Spartans to shoot only 30 percent from the floor. But Castleton also played respectable defense holding Amherst to 56 points. But it wasn't enough for the Spartans as they fell 56-34.

Senior Mike Knight and freshmen Matt Cooney both had a team-high seven points, while junior Greg Hughes chipped in six. Knight and Junior Jared Paul were also both named to the All-Tournament team.

Head coach Paul Culp was pleased with his team's efforts, but said his team was simply over-matched.

"At the end of the day, they're a better team than we are across the board," said Culp. "You got to give them credit they did a lot better job of shutting us down than we did of them."

Culp was glad his team got to play Amherst. He said when he scheduled this tournament he had hoped they would get a chance to play them.

"It's a good experience for our kids to see what's out there," he said.

Culp said he hopes his team will aspire to get to that level.

He said the Spartans have a lot of work to do, but he said he won't dwell on this loss.

"On to the next one," Culp said.



MICHAEL SLADE / CASTLETON SPARTAN

Jonathan Lafrance tries to break out of the zone against St. Anselm.

Spartans open strong

By Michael Slade
Castleton Spartan

For the first time in Castleton State College history, the men's ice hockey team opened up its season with a four point weekend. The Spartans came away with a 2-0-0 record and 2-0-0 in the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference East Division. Castleton went into Friday's game against Saint Anselm College never having beaten the Hawks. Since the program started in 2003-2004 the closest the Spartans came to beating them was tying twice in 05-06 season and in 06-07 season.

The Spartans struck first with 3:48 left in the first period when Stuart Stefan put home his first goal of the season on a pass from Ben Schoeneberger. Stefan, who led the team in goals last season with 16, scored on a two-man advantage power-play goal top shelf on the net.

In the second period at the 15:00 mark the Spartans capitalized on a Hawk turnover in the Saint Anselm zone. The puck somehow found the back of the net as the netminder Kevin Fairweather missplayed a shot and the puck barely squeaked in. Lindsey Gullett was credited with his first goal of the season and Schoeneberger got his second assist of the game. The Gullett goal turned out to be the game-winner. Castleton goalie Seth McNary did not see a lot of rubber this weekend, but got the job done stopping 21 out of 22 shots from the Hawks.

First year players got their first collegiate goals in the Spartans' second game Saturday against hated rival New England College. Castleton also has never beaten the Pilgrims either, coming into the contest 0-7-2 lifetime.

Kyle Richards netted his first goal of the season and in his Spartan ca-

reer with 20 seconds left in the first period when his pass was deflected in the goal by a Pilgrim defenseman. Just 54 seconds into the second period the Spartans lit the goal lamp again making it 2-0 on Colin Murray's first goal of the season and first goal as a Spartan. Assists were given to Dan Bell and Schoeneberger.

Head coach Alex Todd spoke about his teams youth.

"Both Colin and Kyle got to watch last night," said Todd after Saturday's win. "They came into tonight fresh and think they learned a lot."

NEC gave CSC a scare as they tied it up with five minutes left in the third period. But the Spartans came back three minutes later to put them up 3-2, on a goal by Dan Bell. Castleton's Mike Cifelli put the dagger in the hearts of the Pilgrims with an empty net goal with 30 seconds left on an assist from Josh Harris to seal the 4-2 win.

Weld goes from the hardwood to the office



CONTRIBUTED BY JEFF WELD

sports Information Director Jeff Weld (above) takes a foul shot during his playing days. Weld is now an assistant coach for the women's basketball team.

By Ali Flewelling
Spartan Contributor

In the 2003-2004 season, the Castleton men's basketball team earned a trip to the NCAA Division III National Tournament. Jeff Weld sat on the sidelines as his former teammates and friends played in the game. He was still here finishing up six credits and had already played his allotted four years on the team.

"I went to all the games," said Weld, now the sports information director and assistant women's basketball coach at Castleton. "I had a lot of close friends on the team so I was happy for their success, but it was difficult not playing."

Although no longer able to be on the court, Weld found new ways to expand his love for sports.

"Jeff created an internship under me during his last year," said Tim Barrett, Castleton's senior associate director of athletics and head women's basketball coach.

A full-time position evolved as the result of the internship said Weld.

"He wanted to create a position he could grow with and he saw an opportunity for that here," said Barrett.

Although Weld was offered opportunities elsewhere, he never really saw himself leaving Castleton. He said he wanted to be a part of the positive change created by president Wolk's arrival.

Seven years after graduating, he can be found in his office that overlooks the baseball field, his favorite sport to watch. Castleton sports posters cover the walls of his tiny space. A little felt banner that reads "Castleton Basketball" is carefully placed at eye level.



Jeff Weld

Weld's work is seemingly never-ending. He attends almost every home sports game and as many away games as he can, recording statistics and game notes for each one. He does research for game notes and hires workers for the events. He updates the Castleton athletics Web page, creates team rosters, writes press releases, works with the local media to get Castleton sports in the news and helps nominate athletes for their achievements. Weld also works hard to get every athlete at Castleton into their hometown paper.

On top of all this he teaches a sports information practices course and is the assistant coach of the women's basketball team.

But, Weld does have a few extra hands to help out, a graduate assistant and an intern.

Shawn Medeiros, Weld's graduate assistant says he is always well prepared.

"He has a positive attitude every day and it makes me more enthusiastic about work," said Medeiros. "When I move on, that's a quality from Jeff I'd like to keep."

Weld also makes it a point to know every athlete from all 20 sports teams on a first name basis. He says this also helps to generate ideas for the local media.

"Athletes aren't afraid to go into Jeff's office," said Medeiros. "He's built a little community in the sports department."

Barrett agrees with Medeiros.

"He's been on the other side and knows that athletes like to see their accomplishments recognized," Barrett said. "He goes out of his way regardless of the athlete or sport."

Weld has pride in Castleton. Often seen sporting something green, a smile comes to his face whenever he talks about his job.

"One student at a football game said to me 'I can't believe this is your job,'" he said. "It's a job that you can burn yourself out on, but it's very rewarding."

Women's hoops splits weekend opener

By Mike DelDotto
Castleton Spartan

The Castleton women's basketball squad split its opening weekend in the Adrenaline Circuit Tip-Off at Keene State College.

The Spartans fell to All-American Jessica Berry and the Utica College Pioneers 68-49 on Friday, Nov. 19. Utica is currently a leader on the bubble of teams to crack the Top 25 in the nation.

Berry had a game-high 21 points and added a team-high 10 rebounds.

Meaghan Fiore was also strong for the Pioneers shooting eight for 10 from the field for 17 points.

Junior Vanessa Powers and freshman Alyssa Leonard led the Spartans with 17 and 10 points, respectively.

The Spartans bounced back from the loss to beat the University of Maine-Fort Kent in the consolation game on Saturday, Nov. 20 by a score of 67-45 on another strong performance from Leonard.

The freshman had her first career double-double shooting seven of 17 from the field for a game-high 16 points and also recorded 11 boards.

Head coach Tim Barrett said the team was obviously not happy with the result of the tournament, but he also said there were certainly positives to take away.

Those included the individual performances of Leonard, Powers, and Megan Johnson, who had 12 points in the Fort Kent win.

"We allowed Utica to control the tempo of play," said Barrett. "At times it was the same against [Fort Kent]."

Barrett is optimistic for the future of the Spartans, but he said he knows where improvement is needed.

"We have some new pieces," said Barrett. "It's going to take us time to come together. We need to do a better job of establishing rhythm offensively. We struggled with that in both games."

That rhythm will need to be found quickly because the Spartans are in action tonight for their home opener against Plymouth State University at 5:30 in the Spartan Athletic Complex.

"[Tonight's] matchup should be a good game of basketball," Barrett said.

Women lose NCAA opener



Kelsey Lenney moves the ball past a Husson defender in the NAC title game

By John Shramek
Castleton Spartan

After fulfilling its main goal of winning the North Atlantic Conference championship, the women's soccer team bowed out of the NCAA Division III National Tournament in the first round with a 2-1 loss at the hands of Brandeis University on Nov. 13 in Waltham, Mass.

"Although people were upset after the game, I don't think a single person was disappointed in our season whatsoever," junior Maria Arnot said. "We accomplished so much and have so much to be proud of."

Castleton took an early lead in the game as Hilary Cooke scored just 10 minutes into the match off of a header. The assist came from Courtney Chadburn, giving her 50 points on the season.

"Courtney is an awesome player, and getting 50 points in a season just shows how much of an impact she has on our team," defender Kelly Tetreault said. "Courtney is such a smart, dynamic player. She has been a three-time conference player of the

year, and her numbers back it all up."

Brandeis was eager not to let Castleton gain too much momentum, though, and answered with a goal of its own just two minutes later as midfielder Mary Shimko netted her second goal of the season.

The Judges' game-winning goal came courtesy of Hilary Andrews who capitalized off of a loose-ball free for all near the net in the 71st minute of play.

Brandeis' sophomore goalie Francine Kofinas preserved the win for the Judges, making a couple of tough saves against the Spartan offense late in the game.

Castleton's offense had an uncharacteristically hard time getting into a rhythm, and it put six shots on goal in the contest. Brandeis' offense, on the other hand, put 24 shots on goal.

"I think that offensively we just couldn't finish," Tetreault said. "We had our opportunities, but we just couldn't finish on them. It's not that we didn't want to score, it just wasn't happening."

Arnot says that while the amount of shots for Brandeis was greater

than Castleton's, that doesn't mean it gave the Judges the upper hand.

"They had more shots, but they weren't necessarily better," she said. "We just fell short."

Kofinas finished with three saves in the victory while Spartan keeper Ericka Davis made 11 saves in the loss.

While the loss, which ended an impressive 14-game unbeaten streak, was no doubt disappointing to the Castleton players, they were still excited about a successful season that saw them win 16 games.

"This was such an awesome season," Tetreault said. "It was one of the best ones our program has had. Our goal all year long was to win a conference championship, and we did. So it was a really successful and awesome season."

With most of the team members from this year's team returning, Arnot said it's hard not to think the team will have another shot at walking away with a NCAA game win in the near future.

"There is always next year," she said.

Ladies turning it around



Nicole Ruman pushes the puck up the ice against Southern Maine.

By Mike DelDotto
Castleton Spartan

The women's ice hockey team is close to matching its win total of five from a season ago with an early-season record of 3-2-1, 2-1-1 in the conference.

The women have taken down Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference foes St. Michael's College 2-1 on the road and the University of Southern Maine 2-1 at home this past Saturday, Nov. 20.

The two losses on the season have come from national powerhouse, Utica and last season's national championship runner-up, Norwich.

Laura Szwed who led the Spartans in scoring a

year ago has four points on one goal and three assists in six games and is tied for the team lead with Kaitlin Hayes (2-2-4) who had a total of four points all last season.

Senior goalie Amanda Hoy has two wins and a .817 save percentage, and sophomore backstop Katharyn Dembowski has one win and one tie with a .957 save percentage. Hoy took over for the injured Dembowski early in the season.

Castleton plays ECAC powerhouse Manhattanville on Friday, Dec. 3, and return home to Spartan Arena to play host to New England College on Saturday, Dec. 11.

Sports talk



Chadwick Cioffi

I've been told I over predict the Spartans to win the conference when I write these columns. I can't say I'm innocent of this, but let me explain myself. Most of the time the Spartans are a favorite to at least make the conference title game so why not go with them—they're favored to make that far? Second, I'm no Nostradamus, I mean how could anyone have seen something like the men's soccer team losing to Lyon in the NAC semifinal coming?...I mean come on it's Lyon!

But I digress...

Now I feel like a poke player staring with a short stack of chips, I constantly call the Spartans to win the NAC, so now I'm forced to play a bit more conservative.

Women's hockey is off to a decent start at 3-2-1, sitting at 2-1-1 in the conference but it is still very early in the season. I don't see this team winning the conference this season because there is still a bit of rebuilding to care of. I do like the offensive potential between sophomores Hanna Martini (three goals and Eileen Coyne (three assists) for this season.

The men's hockey team has been my conference favorite for a few years now but sadly I am staying away from predicting them conference champs. The Spartans are 2-0 to start out the season and the scoring has been coming from all over. There are six players with one goal so far this season, and teammates Ben Schoeneberger (three assists) and Josh Harris (two assists) have been the main distributors. I'm picking against the Spartans as conference champs for the main fact that even with returning players like Stuart Stefan and Lindsey Gullett, this team has a very different face from last year.

This is where I start betting a little riskier. There wasn't a more impressive turnaround last year than the men's basketball team going from 2-23 to 17-10 under new head coach Paul Culpo. The Spartans went to the NAC finals, but fell short of the conference title. With players like Mike Knight, Jared Paul, and Greg Hughes returning I like the odds of this team making a return trip to the NAC Championship. I'd almost bet my tuition this team wins the conference this year too. But in the interest of saving my dad from killing me for gambling with my tuition, I'll just say I really like the Spartans' chances this season.

The women's basketball team is another tempting Spartan team to predict as conference champs. This team is an interesting one though, because nine players are underclassmen (six freshmen, three sophomores), while the rest of the team consists of two juniors and two seniors. For this team to win the NAC, upperclassmen like Kristie Dunchus, Christine Jaques, Megan Johnson, and Vanessa Powers will need to be emotional leaders on the court. I'm going with the Spartans in the NAC because it's hard to pick against head coach Tim Barrett, the guy doesn't rebuild...he reloads.

Spartan Stadium becomes H.S. gridiron

By Rob Doran
Castleton Spartan

With face paint, jerseys, signs and horns, parents and students were all ready to see the best high school football teams from Division I, II, and III compete for a final time this season hoping for that one last W, a state title.

This past week the Vermont Principal's Association High School Football Championships games were held in Castleton's Spartan Stadium.

The stadium was jam packed with parents and students hoping to will their team to victory.

The Division III game featured top-seeded Bellows Falls against second seeded Windsor; the Division II title offered a one-three matchup of Middlebury vs. Rice; and the Division I showdown of Bellows Free Academy-St. Albans against Hartford.

The Division III game was played first in the morning, followed by the Division I game in the afternoon, which gave way to the Division II title to be played under the lights of Spartan Stadium.

Karen Claffin, mother of Hartford's Josh Claffin, was dressed for the occasion. Decked out in her blue Hartford jersey and a pin with

her son's picture, she was ready to be loud and have some fun.

"This is very exciting, a bit nerve racking, but fun. Especially for the kids," Claffin said with a big smile.

Those nerves were quickly replaced with fun as Hartford stomped BFA-St. Albans 33-0 for the title, returning the favor to a BFA-St. Albans squad who shut them out a month earlier.

Rice and Middlebury got the late start for the Div. II title game.

Before the game Middlebury's Jordan Connor was excited to be playing on a dry field as the sun was shining all day for football.

"Our field at home is notorious for being muddy and wet, this will be a nice change," Connor said.

His teammate Kyle Kerr agreed that playing on a dry field would be good but also said he was thrilled to be playing in a stadium like the one he was standing in.

"This is awesome. I have never played in a place like this, this is pretty cool, it should be fun," Kerr said.

Rice went on to win the Div. II championship, upsetting the previously unbeaten Middlebury, 38-20.



A.J. Marrow / Rutland Herald
Hartford running back avoids BFA St. Albans defenders.

The Div. II showdown featured the number one and two seeds Bellows Falls and Windsor High Schools.

Windsor was the defending champ but was no match for a powerful Bellows Falls team, falling 39-22.

It was Bellows Falls tenth title, second most in Vermont behind only Mount St. Joseph's of Rutland who reigns with 12 State Football Championships.

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Co\$t glitch in Soundings program

By Allison Clark
Castleton Spartan

There is a problem with the new Soundings program that was adopted last year.

Megan Hackey, a freshman Theatre Arts major, was the first to step on the landmine.

When Hackey registered for classes she was told she would be charged additional fees for overloading her 18-credit schedule.

Hackey will have to pay close to \$400 to overload her schedule next semester to fit in her required Soundings credit.

"My initial reaction was: I need to go to my advisor and drop Soundings," Hackey said. "I have a schedule I want to stick to, but I know I need to pass Soundings to graduate."

She plans to take 18 credits, a full course load, every semester so she can graduate in four years.

However, Soundings is getting in the way. Current freshman and recent transfers need to complete one credit Soundings course their freshman year requiring six events, a half credit course in which they attend four events, and a cumulating half credit course their junior year in the form of attending three events and writing an essay.

But Hackey's real problem is all about money.

It's not about the program or the Soundings experience; it's about the half credit that pushes her course load over the 18-credit maximum, she said.

"Soundings isn't a punishment or a hassle," Hackey said. "It's just that college is so expensive and if you want to take a full course load you end up paying more for it in the end."

According to Bill Allen the Dean of Administration, this glitch in the Soundings program was a concern from the beginning and efforts were made to avoid the problem.

"If we came up with one solution to fix it we'd have a whole bunch of other problems pop up," Allen said. "There was no yes/no answer or a simple solution."

It was proposed that the tuition fee for the half credit overload be waived. But that solution was impossible, according to Tony Pepper, the Academic Dean and member of the committee responsible for restructuring Soundings.

The committee tried to increase the maximum credits to 19 so 18.5 credits would not be an overload and would result in no additional fees, Pepper said. However, since Castleton is a member of the VSC system any changes made to Castleton would also have to apply to other institutions as well.

"Can't just make a CSC change; it would affect other schools forcing them to give up tuition," Pepper said.

Financial aid repercussions were also an issue. If the overload fee was waived, Pepper feared VSAC might take money back from students.

There was no successful way to solve the inevitable problem.

"From my perspective, the value of the Soundings requirement offsets the overload cost," Pepper said.

It is just a problem for students who take 18 credits, which isn't everybody.

"I know I'm in the minority," said Hackey, the frustrated freshman. "It's a small thing now. But as it progresses and people have to take Soundings their junior year, which is a busy year for most people, the extra half credit will throw scheduling off balance."

Hackey discussed her problem with the SGA.

"We decided all we can do right now is petition," said SGA member Catherine Trudell. "We will get some signatures, write something up and take it to the administration."

Candlelight vigil sheds light on domestic violence

By Kelsey LaPoint
Castleton Spartan

On a cold and dark November evening, students and faculty alike braved the chilly temperatures to create awareness of a very serious issue— domestic violence. Those attending the Peer Advocates for Change event gathered in front of the library to hold a candlelight vigil for survivors.

One of the PAC members who helped create this event, Samantha Barrale, explained why it's so important.

"I'm part of the Peer Advocates for Change... We decided to do this domestic violence project to create awareness around campus. Not a lot of people might be aware of these issues. We had the vigil tonight and we also have the 'Hands are not for hurting' banner, where people can trace their hands or dip their hands in paint and sign their names. It's all basically for awareness. We

definitely stress the issue that it's not just a woman's issue, it's everyone's issue."

Barrale has had her own experience with domestic violence.

"I personally know someone whose parents were in a seriously violent relationship, which is part of the reason why I did this, but I think that relationship violence should be brought up on every campus and to everyone in the community."

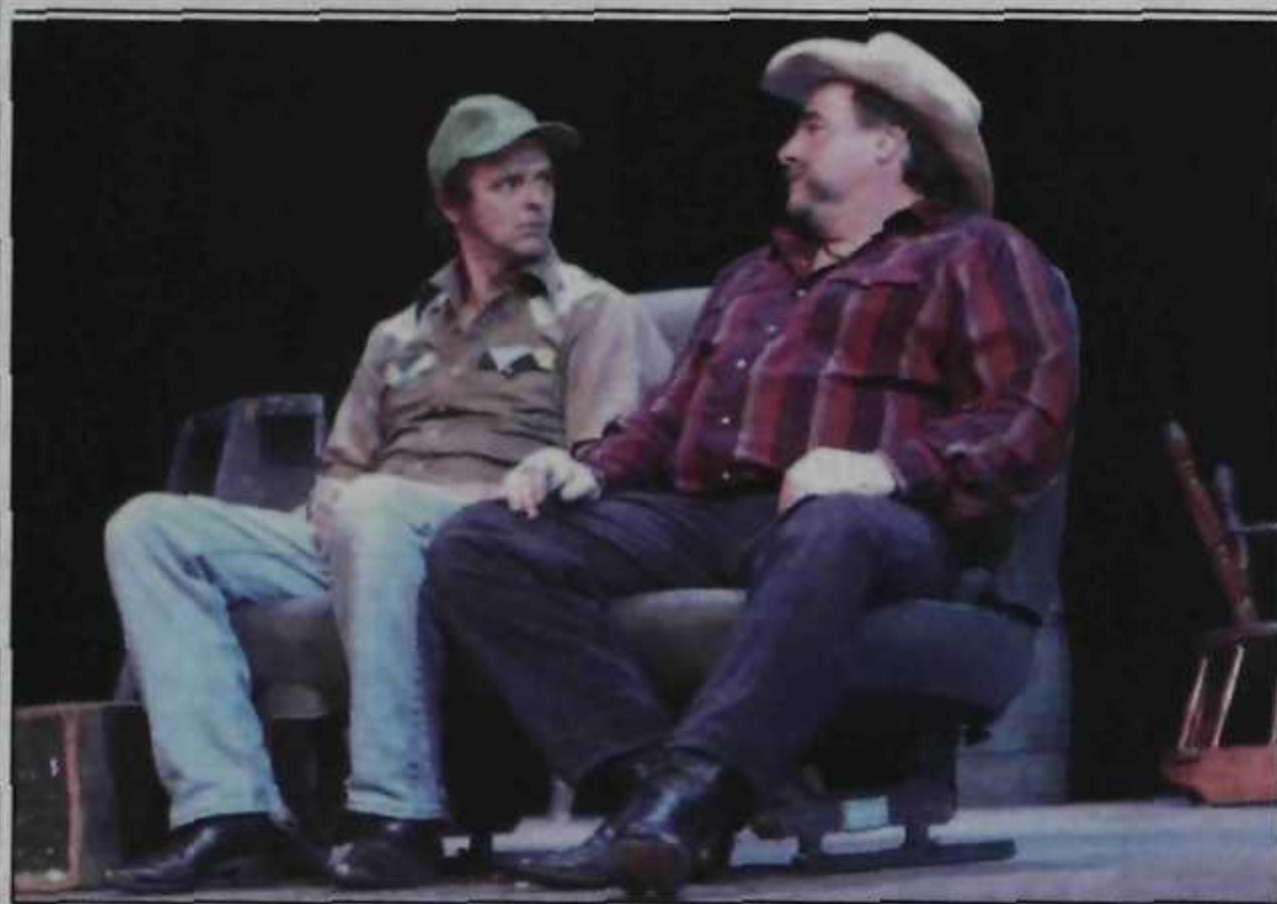
Emily Provo, who also helped with the project, explained the project in further depth.

"We thought it would be a good topic. It's not really discussed that often, especially on campus and people think that domestic violence only happens in marriages or with older couples. They don't realize it can happen with teen dating and even college dating. I think everyone needs to step back and evaluate their own relationships, and most

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Justin Alonzo's candle is lit.



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Professor Harry McEnery performs and receives an award at his Faculty Fellow Performance.

The life of Harry McEnery

(Editor's note: Due to the length of this story, we were unable to include it all in this edition, we urge you to CastletonSpartan.com to read it in its entirety and learn about Harry's life as a young parent of two and how fate brought him to Castleton State.)

By Keith Goulette

Castleton Spartan Contributor

It's 6:30 p.m. on a Wednesday. In the gallery, the Fine Arts Center seems rather deserted, but if you listen closely you'll hear counting. It's coming from the Casella Theatre. Inside you'll see a group of 10 students in a circle on stage doing push-ups. A 40-something-year-old man is slowly walking around the circle, his smile tinged with a hint of sadness and a dash of gratification.

The group then stands up as this man recites different words in an Irish dialect, the group of

students repeating each one. At first glance, one might assume this was a cult of some sort.

But this, in fact, is just another night at play rehearsal (not play practice) for students at Castleton State College, and the aforementioned "cult" leader is professor and Chair of the Theater department, Harry McEnery IV. The recent Faculty Fellow recipient has been a professor at CSC for 14 years, and is damn proud of it. But don't call what he does drama. One evening, he was in the kitchen chopping

vegetables for dinner when an acquaintance referred to his de-

partment as one of drama rather than theatre.

He didn't like that. "He stopped chopping vegetables immediately and slowly turned toward him," said Robynn Stanley, a junior at CSC who witnessed the event. McEnery quietly and sternly suggested that the person not undermine something he's been working toward most of his life.

"I've never seen him that serious before. It was scary." A DAY IN THE LIFE...

McEnery, known to his students and colleagues alike as simply 'Harry,' resides in a quiet

little suburb of Middlebury, Vt.

It's a place where children ride by on their bicycles and moms can be seen power walking together in their running shoes. With him in the two-story house are his wife, Monica, and French Poodle named Corduroy. The kitchen walls are adorned with many of the awards and recognitions McEnery has earned through the years.

The refrigerator includes magnets of Austin Powers, British Flags, "I Heart Poodles" and one of Einstein that has interchangeable outfits including a chicken

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Sabbatical cures prof's 'wanderlust'

By Roy Vestrich

Castleton Spartan Contributor

I have always had a nomadic nature. My father used to call it "wanderlust," and worried I would never settle down. Well, after 22 years teaching at Castleton, I guess I am pretty settled, but I learned early on that settling down does not mean one needs to abandon an adventuring spirit.

The spirit of adventure is a driving force for intellectual, artistic, physical and travel pursuits. It is at the core of learning and living and certainly informs my own teaching and artistic endeavors.

For me, traveling to new places and in new ways is both challenging and nourishing. When I decided to apply for a sabbatical last year, I knew that it would be important to use the year well, not only to refocus and renew my disciplinary knowledge, but to let myself journey in new directions with an open sense of discovery.

One of the most basic laws of Newtonian physics is that "An object that is at rest will stay at rest unless an unbalanced force acts upon it." I am not sure if "wanderlust" is some sort of chemical imbalance in the brain, but I do know that for most of the past five months I have been in almost constant motion.

During the summer months, my wife Dawn Saunders (who teaches economics



BEN CHAUCER/ SPARTAN CONTRIBUTOR

Harry Chaucer and Roy Vestrich enjoy their visit at a beach in Matala, Crete.

at CSC) and I sailed our 20' foot boat from Vermont to North Carolina. Dawn and I moored at numerous ports along the way, wandering about towns and cities that for many might only be highway signs flashing by on the interstate. There is something inspiring about seeing this country at the pace of the wind and tides from a few yards or a few miles off the shores that cannot be adequately expressed or measured in words.

Berthing in a marina in Norfolk, Va., I took a break from the passage and spent just under two weeks in Australia, attending

and presenting at an arts conference as well as taking in the varied works at the Sydney Biennale. Although I have been to many other international arts conferences over the years, the unique nature of Australia's history and geography, and in particular the cultural influences of the indigenous peoples on the art and politics of country, has actually led me to rethink many of my own assumptions about American and European art.

While in Australia, I also took a train trip

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Make Christmas merry again

By Nick Minarik
Castleton Spartan

Christmas is just around the corner; the semester is winding down and there are trees in every store to remind everyone that it's the season to spend. A majority of our money goes to gifts for others and there just doesn't seem to be enough time to get all the rushing around done that we need to do.

Let's take a step back. Christmas, at its root, is a deeply religious holiday for those of the Christian faith. However, that's most likely not what comes to mind for a vast majority of those who celebrate it. What's more likely on everyone's minds are things like hating certain (or all) Christmas songs on the radio or the Santas at malls, or looking forward to the gifts to be given and gotten.

Another interesting point is that a seeming majority of those who celebrate Christmas are not actually Christians. While it's not to say that no one else is allowed to celebrate the wonderful day, it is to say that this fact makes it easier for the meaning of the holiday to become lost in all the rush.

One professor recently lamented the missed meaning of Christmas saying "the part of Christmas I hate most is the obligatory gifts you have to buy for friends only because you know they are going to buy you one." Also, several co-workers have been making remarks at the Christmas music that we have to play in the store, stating how awful it is. These are perfect examples of what is happening to the holiday. More and more people can

more easily recall the grievances of this time of year than the joys of it, which are supposed to be so abundant.

Let's face it; the meaning of Christmas has become overshadowed. The season stresses people out and instead of Advent being a time of celebration as it was meant to be, it has become a time of panic because Christmas is so close, and I haven't gotten all my shopping done yet.

While Christmas is a Christian holiday, it is perfectly fine that everyone, practicing or not, take part in the joy. However, the question now has become, is there actually joy involved in the season anymore? With all the stress and the religious tension with everyone having to wish a "Happy Holidays" for fear of offending someone, we seem to be losing that happiness that should abound in these 25 days.

This Christmas season, let's not let that happen. Slow it down a little bit and enjoy the snow that's going to start falling, and sing along with friends when cheesy songs come on the radio. To those who don't practice religion, enjoy how pretty the lit trees are and the peaceful serenity of a silent night with new-fallen snow. For those who are Christians, keep in mind above all else what this holiday is truly about, along with enjoying all the smaller things. Let's make Christmas merry again, no matter what you do or don't practice or how much stress you have or don't have.

On behalf of all of the staff of The Spartan, I'd like to wish everyone out there, no matter what religious belief or denomination you are, a merry Christmas and happy holiday season. Let's all make it a great one.

Spartan Online message board comments:

Does "G-Moe" belong in the Hall of Fame?

Having read through this article and having personal knowledge of what George Price contributed to Spartan Athletics, I'm appalled that we're having this debate. Balancing academics and athletics are difficult feats, but when you exceed expectations in both, for the betterment of the institution, it speaks volumes about your character. George did not circumvent the rules to play basketball nor did he shirk his academic responsibilities. He was the epitomized what a student athlete should be. I was honored to have practiced with him, was proud of his determination and tenacity on the court and I am equally as dumbfounded as to why this honor has taken so long. Give the man his due. He didn't question what Castleton meant to him for the four years that assisted the institution with positive press. Give him what he's earned, the honor of being in the Hall of Fame.

-Eric W. Covington
Class of 1987

Yes, it is ridiculous that we're having this debate. George was a credit to the college both athletically and academically. I look at the names of the people on the HOF committee and wonder how they make this call. Did any of them have any association with Castleton during George's tenure? I was at CSC in the late 1980s and I've never heard of them, other than Tom Haley. Tom is a class act and I hope he can correct this.

-Mike A.

I had the privilege of playing with George Price for two years. I followed his production and team success for the two years that followed. I can say without any reservation that he is absolutely one of the best that has ever played at Castleton State College. Based upon stats as well as personal and team accomplishments... top 5.

I am convinced that George's omission to the CSC Athletic Hall of Fame to date has to be a timing issue. George will get in soon, and it will be a tremendous honor to have his friends and family witness this auspicious honor.

-Greg Thomas

Great job on the story Maria. It is good to see the feedback above from so many Classmates and Friend of G-Moe. Don and I were as astonished as most of the people now becoming aware of this void in the Hall. George was one of the greatest athletes at CSC during the 1980's and perhaps of all time. We are trying to keep this grass roots campaign very positive. Any letters of support should be sent to the school of you can e-mail to me for forwarding. My e-mail is blakeg@hvc.r.com

This is truly an injustice that most of us who knew G-Moe during his college days believe needs correcting. Spread the word to fellow alumni and help us get this great athlete in the Hall.

-Blake Garrison
Class of 1990

A Note from the Editor:

In the November 23rd issue of *The Spartan* there were a few errors in the story titled "Teaching female inmates in prison".

Here are the corrections:

1. Inside Out is not a community-based service learning initiative. It is an academic endeavor.
2. The university students and the inside students are peers, that is, they are learning together in the same class with the same curriculum.
3. The IO program in Michigan is in a Men's facility - not a women's facility.
4. The program that Lora Lempert started in 2003 was college courses for incarcerated women in a women's facility -- that was not an Inside Out program. It did not bring outside students into the classroom. In fact, Lempert made a point during my presentation to discuss the way that the women provided the support for me to train with Inside Out and then to begin an Inside Out class in the MEN's Facility. (i.e., "Take it to the men.")
5. Inside Out was started in Philadelphia at Temple University by Lori Pompa in 1997. In 2004 Professor Pompa began training instructors from around the country to take the program national. Lempert trained with Lori Pompa in Philadelphia in January of 2007 and initiated the program in Michigan in September 2007.
6. Lempert does co-ordinate college courses for women in prison, but also teaches the Inside Out Prison Exchange Program course in a men's facility to men/outside students.
7. Finally, it is the women's program (not Inside Out) that will have its first graduate in December from the University of Michigan - Dearborn. The first masters student is also from the women's program.

Polls should remain at the college

By Ali Flewelling
Spartan Contributor

Imagine how different the outcome of Vermont's November elections would have been had the entire town of Castleton chose not to participate. That's a potential 4,367 Vermont voters who didn't cast a ballot, not even including Castleton State College's 1,900 full-time students, most of whom are eligible to vote in the town too.

Questions about the legality of voting on state owned property, the college, were raised by Castleton Select Board Chairman Thomas Ettori at a Nov. 8 meeting.

The town of Castleton recently decided to move the polls to the college where they were easily accessible to residents, said Kate Thornblade, Castleton Town Clerk.

Parking concerns were cited as the reason for the move.

But Ettori said he received complaints from concerned Castleton

residents who felt voting shouldn't be held on the college campus.

Dig a little deeper though and these "complaints" seemed to uncover a potential scheme to keep college students from voting in the town of Castleton.

Ettori also said that Castleton citizens expressed concerns about college students voting in their town. He said that having the polls at the college makes it easier for students to vote on issues which they are uninformed about.

The fact that Castleton residents voted on state owned property appears not to be the real issue here, it's an excuse to try and keep college voters to a minimum.

Voting on state owned property is not going to sway anyone's vote, so why not keep the polls at the college?

The former voting place was the Castleton Village School, a location that wasn't working due to its secluded location and lack of parking. The polls were moved to the college

to make voting easier for Castleton residents, so it's only right that they stay at their new site, right?

If voting locations move all over town with each election, how will residents know where to vote? Will they even vote?

And moving the polls back to the Village School will still leave the town with its original problems.

College students interested in voting will find a way to do so regardless of the location. Why should they be treated any differently than Castleton residents?

Members of the board and Castleton citizens who have a problem with students exercising their 15th Amendment rights should address their concerns with the students directly, not discuss it behind closed doors.

Town officials should try and find ways to simplify voting, not make it more difficult. Constantly changing town voting arrangements is undermining that goal.

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Sounding Off

Be sure to check the Soundings schedule early in the spring semester, and plan ahead for events. See your advisor if you have questions about which Soundings course you should be enrolled in next semester.

Monica Bill Barnes Dance Company

Throughout the show, the lighting changed very flowingly. If the changes in the lighting were abrupt, then it would have taken away from the performances. In "Another Parade," the lighting was very forward. Shadows create good effects, and help highlight the dancers talent.

-Jaclyn Hulburt

Castleton Collegiate Chorale and Chamber Singers

The Chamber Singers' music selection was fantastic. There were upbeat moments and softer melodies that accompanied the singers. I especially liked the use of the harp, since a harp isn't a common instrument one hears. Put all together, the songs tell a kind of story, but through music. Some of the songs were celebratory and others were mournful.

-Britanny Hard

We are privileged to have a number of diverse, educational and entertaining Soundings events. Below is a sampling of student comments.

"Wade in the Water" was my favorite. . . . It was slower but still lively with powerful solos by the young man and woman. The style of the solo singing seemed "bluesy" which I felt gave this religious based song a more American rock overtone. . . . It doesn't have complicated lyrics yet it grips you with the chanting background and powerful lead melodies.

-Chris Kreb

Tartan Terrors

The overall structure of the music really seems like a combination of different styles. Even their attire matched the review. They had the classic Scottish kilts on but they also had a little bit of rocker attire on with their boots and black shirts. Their music was a combination as well but it also showed their connection with their heritage, especially the bagpipes. They included jokes and little digs about other cultures, which made it mischievous. . . . They also used a combination of current and traditional riffs in their music.

-Stacie Bushman

The band is having fun, and they bring the audience along for the ride.

-John O'Connor

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CSC student Mariah Phillips video chats with a class during her stay in Ireland.

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Skype shortens distances between loved ones

By Keith Goulette
Spartan Contributor

Is your significant other at a different college than you? Do you have a cousin you're close with who lives all the way across the country? Or maybe your sibling lives in another state?

Wouldn't it be neat if there was some way that you could see that oh-so-special person in your life? Not just see them, that's what pictures and Facebook are for, but to actually have a conversation with them, while being able to see them, while they're in a different state.

Sound like space age stuff to you? Well, A) it's 2010, and B) it's actually possible... and has been for a few years now.

It's called Skype, and if you haven't heard of it yet, you're in the minority. But just in case some of you are a little less than tech-savvy and happen to have the dilemmas mentioned above, your knight-in-shining-armor comes in the form of a computer application.

And he rides on your Internet instead of a horse.

With Skype, you can video or voice chat with any other Skype user for free.

"It's a nice, free way to keep in touch with people," says Emily Littler, senior at Castleton State College, who first got Skype the summer of 2008. It was right before she set off to London for a semester abroad.

"I'd use it to talk to my parents, a couple friends. I actually made more phone calls on it than video calls because a lot of people didn't have webcams ... I don't use it so much anymore, except for a couple times this summer with my friend Abby ... And I have a cousin that lives in California who I talk to sometimes," Littler said.

Others use it far more frequently though.

"I use it about once a day, I'd say," said UVM student Zack Zerbe, during a Skype-conducted interview. "I talk to some friends and I have an uncle in Chicago and my brother lives in Maryland that I talk to."

But while Zerbe said Skype has always been dependable for him, other like Littler say it is sometimes less than dependable.

"The video would freeze, and the call would be dropped and I'd have to like re-call them three or four times," Littler said.

When it comes to a relationship, though, can a computer program effectively fill a country-wide gap?

CSC senior Ty Robinson used Skype while also studying abroad in London.

"It was nice to be able to see her face ... the audio was kind of choppy though," said Robinson. "Not the best quality ... but if there's a way you can actually see their face, it's better than just hearing a voice or reading a text. It definitely helped out."

Caitlin Lawlor, a junior at CSC, knows how Robinson feels.

"My boyfriend is Canadian so it's pretty long-distance. Skype helps keep the phone bills down," she said. "If we're both on the computer than we try to use it every night, but since the connection isn't very good, we use it once a week if we're lucky," she said. "It has its flaws, but it really just depends on the Internet."



BRIDGIT CONNORS / CASTLETON SPARTAN

Giving Castleton a second chance – two decades later



ALI FLEWELLING / CASTLETON SPARTAN
David Stone relaxes at home during his time off from CSC.

By Ali Flewelling
Spartan Contributor

David Stone is not your typical college student. He has over 120 credits from five different institutions. His graying hair, white washed jeans and Tony Stewart racing jacket hint that he is double the age of his classmates.

Stone is a 46-year-old sophomore at Castleton State College who graduated from high school in 1982 and enrolled in the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

"I dropped out before I even started," Stone said. "I wasn't ready for that kind of transition."

He tried college next and began classes at Castleton in the spring of '83 only to call it quits after his first semester.

For the next two years, Stone didn't really have a plan. He would seek adventure wherever he could find it. He woke up one morning and decided he was going to visit a friend in West Virginia.

He rode his bicycle for the entire 777-mile journey.

"It was one of the best experiences of my life," he said with a smile.

Stone's former co-worker from the 99 Restaurant, Kayla Aguiar, said she always sees Stone riding his bike around Rutland.

"I remember driving to work one day and seeing David in full uniform on a low rider tricycle," she said giggling. "That's just the way he is, you never know what he'll be doing or where you will see him."

Another former co-worker, Robert Gladding, describes Stone as always having a big smile.

But Gladding said Stone has a quirky side, too.

"For some reason, he always spoke to guests with a British accent. He would just start talking British all of a sudden," he said imitating the accent. "He is just a random kind of guy."

Stone sips from his 22oz. hazelnut coffee until there is none left. He shakes the paper cup when it's gone, hoping to find a drop left in the bottom.

His struggle to make ends meet as a waiter at Friendly's forced him to reconsider the military in 1985. He chose the Air Force.

"Wearing combat boots was the hardest part about being in the military," he said. "Combat boots and my feet never got along well."

The Air Force took Stone to Okinawa, Japan where he spent three years and 4 months. While in Japan in 1986, he married his girlfriend from the States, a marriage that lasted two short years.

"I don't even really remember her," he said. "That was so long ago."

In 1988, Stone was stationed in Utah where he met his second wife, resulting in a 17-year marriage that ended in divorce. At this time Stone made the difficult decision to move back to Vermont and leave his two sons Matthew, 19 and Mark, 18 in Utah with their mother.

"We moved to possibly the worst school system on earth," Matthew Stone said recalling his relocation after his parents divorce.

"I was 15 at the time and the whole being the man of the family was somewhat of a burden," he said.

Matthew Stone said his dad has always had an interest in computers, a passion they share.

"I remember him teaching me everything I know about computers as a kid," he said. "I think my dad will eventually own a small business involving computers."

Stone now lives in a small two-bedroom apartment in Rutland. His former girlfriend's 23-year-old son is his roommate. His oversized HP laptop sits on the kitchen counter, waiting for him to complete his unfinished school work.

He is back at Castleton, but this time he is here to finish. New changes to the GI Bill made it possible for Stone to complete his education and still be "able to live."

His apartment is up a flight of stairs, at the top of which sits a planter pot with four cigarette butts. Once inside, there are seven more stairs to climb, each with a small piece of gray carpeting covering them. A dart board with every dart in the bulls' eye hangs from the wall. Stone rocks back in forth in his recliner with a small pillow behind his head.

In Stone's living room there is a flat screen TV, but it isn't on. Pieces of a mountain bike sit on the living room floor waiting to be put back together and taken out on the road. A folded up treadmill collects dust in the corner.

Stone admits his favorite part about being back in school is that he gets to sing in the choir.

He loves to sing.

He performs karaoke numbers at local bars like 3 D's, Chasers and the Hilltop Tavern on a weekly basis.

"I like 80's stuff, Journey, Phil Collins and Brian Adams" he said. "I sing just about anything, if I know it I'll try it."

Stone's choir director, Professor Sherrill Blodget, says his love for music is no secret.

"I can see it when he's singing," she said. "He has tried out for a couple solos and it's evident there, too."

Blodget added that Stone is a great student who she enjoys having in class.

"I think David came back with a vast appreciation for what he

could learn," she said.

Gladding said he is happy for Stone, giving college another shot.

"I think it's great that he can go back to school to better his life," he said. "People who served our country deserve that."

Stone admits that he is much more disciplined now than he ever has been. Getting his degree in business is the next thing on his agenda.

"I have all A's so far," he said with a chuckle.

"My Air Force instructor always told me 'It doesn't matter whether you get your boots all trashed one day, when you show up for work the next morning they need to be shiny and polished.'" Stone said. "I took that to mean do your best at everything and don't give excuses."

CSC Public Safety Blotter November - December 2010

Date	Incident	Location
11/20	Disorderly / Disrespect	Haskell Hall
11/22	Vandalism	North House
11/28	Vandalism	Adams Hall
11/28	Theft	Morrill Hall
11/28	Drugs	Ellis Hall
12/02	Vandalism	South House
12/02	Vandalism	Adams Hall
12/03	Intoxicated student / Medical assistance	Morrill Hall

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Campus Quips



Jill Bassett

Question: What's the best Christmas gift you've ever got and who gave it to you?



Samantha Raymond

Sophomore

"A puppy from my parents."



Adam Olio

Freshman

"My laptop from my mom"



Emily Gabriel

Freshman

"Eight-hundred dollar check from my grandma."



Shane Martin

Freshman

"My snowboard from my parents."



Jaren Carpenter

Freshman

"I've never gotten a Christmas present, we don't celebrate it."

Spreading the Wandering Spirit

At the finale of their journey, the Semester in the Southwest students and staff return home to CSC. But is the adventure truly over?

By Wanderin' Wyatt Aloisio
Castleton Spartan

What started as just another study abroad program has changed the lives of the 20 people involved, and now more than ever their looking to do the same for others.

The three month long expedition to the American Southwest concluded this past Thursday evening as members of the student group converged in Herrick Auditorium to present their work and story to friends, family and the campus community. The two hour long event showcased the highlights of the groups various trips throughout New Mexico and surrounding states and the important work done this past semester.

For the many parents who attended the meeting, such as Patty Braun, the pride instilled by their children's work and the level of interest was clear and evident.

"This was one of the best semesters my son's had," Patty remarks enthusiastically towards her son, sophomore Nathan Dunn. "It was great to see how capable he and everyone were away from Vermont and the amazing things they've done."

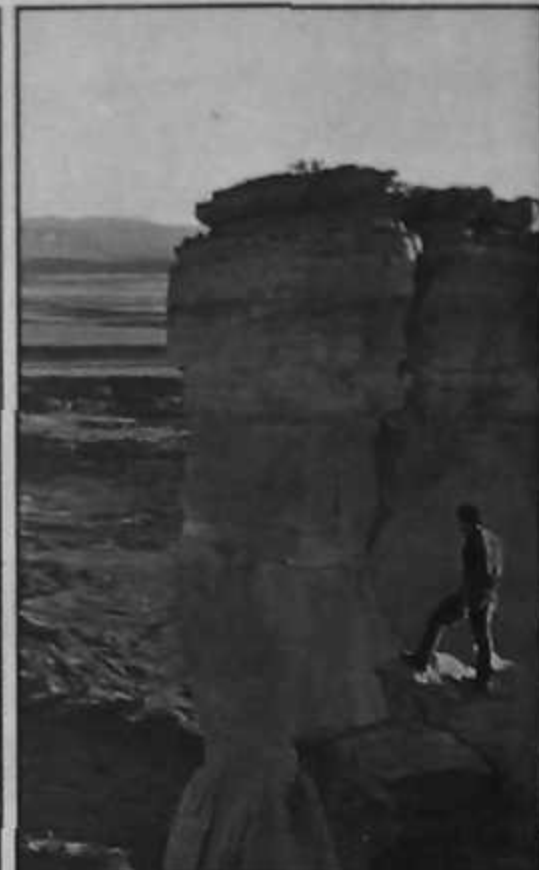
The groundbreaking program, a new approach on study abroad for the college, was conceptualized over a year ago by Professors Paul Derby and Liza Myers. Unlike normal

classroom settings, the students were given the chance to explore numerous subjects and fields of interest first hand through exploration of different environments and through exposure to the southwest culture.

A strong aspect of the program advocated by the group over the course of the evening was the depth of the learning experience and how compared to a standard college education abroad programs such as this were far better. A shared sentiment of the group being that all college students should have a chance to travel abroad in their schooling.

"This is hands down the best way to learn and gain first-hand experience" stated deeply moved Professor Derby after seeing the presentation of the students. "The work that we've all done both tonight and over the past months is proof that this is effective. Even the freshmen students involved have given me some of the best material I've seen in 17 years of teaching college."

President Wolk, who was also present in the auditorium for the group's presentation, had strong remarks about the success of the trip, the maturity of the students involved in the face of such an intense challenge, and the dedication of the professors involved.



CONTRIBUTED BY WYATT ALOISIO

Wyatt Aloisio sits near a windmill farm (left). Wyatt Aloisio stands on a large cliff (right). The Semester in the southwest students give their final presentation to friends, family and the campus community about their time in the southwest on Thursday evening (below).



Proulx aims to provide more than academics

By Kayla Mumford

Castleton Spartan Contributor



Dennis Proulx

Dennis Proulx has made it his personal goal to enhance the college experience for Castleton State College students.

And as a 1987 graduate and longtime residence life director, the new dean of students has some knowledge behind his efforts.

"When a student sees themselves as just going to class, they are not getting involved. They need to be involved and interact with faculty and staff to learn life skills needed to be an adult," said Proulx.

Student life is an umbrella term for many significant aspects of a student's experience at Castleton including activities, public safety, career development, conferences and events, Wellness Center, health and dining services and residence life.

Student Life "challenges students to succeed both academically and socially at Castleton," he said.

An average day for Proulx consists of meetings with staff, the cabinet, campus committees and directly with students. Oh, and lots of paperwork, he said.

Proulx comes across as a nice guy with a calm demeanor who clearly cares about students and wants them to succeed.

"It is a personally and professionally satisfying job," said Proulx.

Student Life is also responsible for several changes taking place on the Castleton campus.

Proulx said. The Public Safety Department has a bigger staff, there are new coordinators in Residence Life, the Campus Ac-

tivities Board is planning more trip and the Wellness Center is offering massages and other events to promote healthy lifestyle choices for students and faculty, he said.

"Castleton is just a very special place. I love my job," said Proulx.

By creating a fun atmosphere, Proulx said Castleton has had record attendance at athletic events, sell-outs at concerts and better attendance at various campus events.

"I think that Castleton tries really hard to make things happen on campus. I see a lot of stuff going on, even little things, but all of it adds up and gives the students a chance to have something fun to do," said senior Matthew Bijas.

Castleton strives to provide academics and a variety of programs and services to students to interest and enhance their experience, Proulx said. The college promotes responsibility, respect, leadership, citizenship, and most importantly learning.

Proulx said Castleton is expanding and providing more entertainment, improved academics, and other significant steps to engage and empower students.

Courtney Parker, a sophomore, said the efforts are working and help add to the small-school charm.

"I love how small Castleton is and how no matter where you go on campus you always see someone you know. The Spartans are like one big family," said Parker.

Overall, Proulx and the staff in Student Life are willing to go above and beyond to ensure that the experience college students receive at Castleton is more than just academics.

"I am one amongst a lot of people trying to pull off this thing called Student Life," Proulx said with a smile.

Congratulations!

Below are the students who passed the college writing assessment with distinction, Fall 2010.

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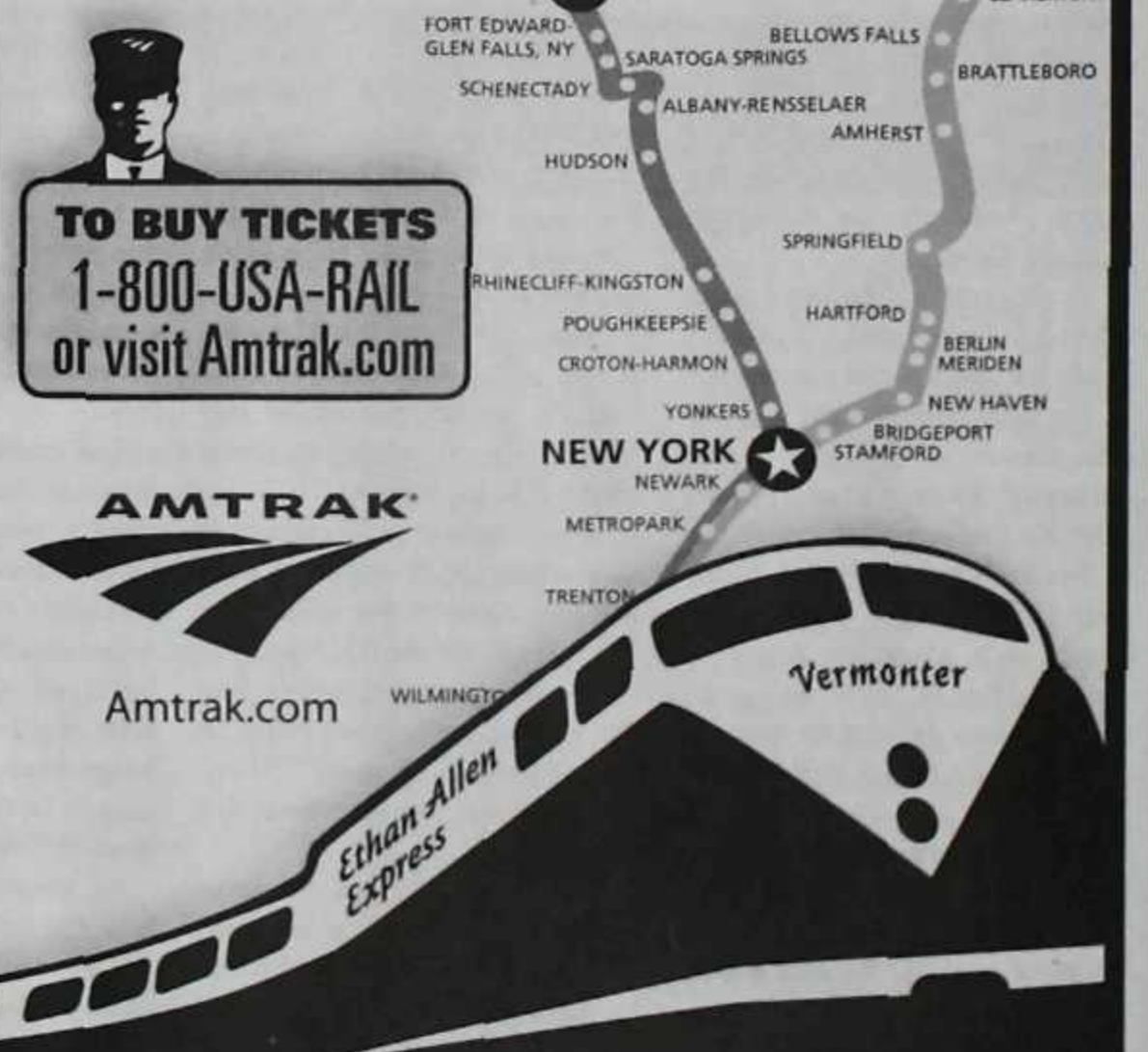
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Jammin' in TV studio

Professor and former students perform for class music video project.

By Maria Arnot
Castleton Spartan

Before every class recording, Communication Professor Bob Gershon gathers his Video Workshop II students and assigns them the various tasks they must complete during the class period. Every other week this semester, the class has filmed a broadcast entitled Castleton Video Magazine for PEGTV in Rutland, utilizing their skills as cameramen, news broadcasters, directors and graphic operators that they had honed in Video Workshop I.

But this week, the class got to experience something different as professor Robert Wuagneux and two former Castleton Students presented a live performance to the class, allowing for a unique taping to occur in the video studio in Leavenworth Hall.

"I have done similar video shoots before with Bob's Video II classes as a solo and those videos are available on YOUTUBE," said Wuagneux. "It was extra special this year because I had both Ryan and Billy with me on the shoot. They were former students and I have watched them grow into the excellent players they are."

On keyboards, was current member of the Vermont based rock band Twiddle, Ryan Dempsey. On bass guitar was Billy Comstock, who was Twiddle's first bass player and who is now part of the band Suskatone that plays every Thursday at the Downtown Tavern.

Wuagneux played the acoustic guitar and sang.

"We all met in Wuagneux's Introduction to Communication," said Dempsey. "He was instantly my favorite professor, and he has been awesome to play with."

Both students spoke volumes about Wuagneux as a professor and as a musician, and noted how excited they were when he sought them out to perform with him.

The trio performed five songs, two of which they had written since collaborating only three weeks prior to the shoot. The other three were Wuagneux's own songs, including his "classics" Grove Tune and Warm Weather Blues.

A few days before the studio shoot, the band played at Fireside Café in the Campus

Center, yet they had only rehearsed together five or six times.

They never stopped playing, however, as they waited for the class to position cameras, get sufficient lighting and to adjust the sound system for a perfect shoot.

"I can't sit still in times like these," said Wuagneux. "I can in class...but not here. But that's good because it's all about the energy here."

The production was managed entirely by the Video Workshop class, which received help with lighting and sound from members of the Music Department. Each student was issued a task such as cameramen, assistant director, technical director, or director.

The class recorded each song separately, doing multiple takes for each song to get the recording perfectly. The shoot lasted approximately three hours, and went without much difficulty. The footage will be posted on YOUTUBE and the Castleton Web site.

"I think the production went great," said junior and director of the shoot Dan Schwartz. "Both the musicians and crew were able to mesh well together and I think everyone had fun and that's a great thing to have in a production."

Billy Comstock plays bass in the video (above top). Robert Wuagneux and Billy Comstock jam (above). Wuagneux and keyboardist Ryan Dempsey play (below).



Changes planned for gameroom

By Matthew Bijas
Castleton Spartan

The screeching of power tools is long gone in the renovated Campus Center, but one room still remains unfinished: the game room.

The game room was located at the top floor of the old Campus Center. It was a hot spot for commuter students featuring several classic arcade games and pool and ping-pong tables with lots of room around them. The new game room is located on the lowest level of the building and contains a ping pong table, which is crowded by billiards tables, a TV and a pinball machine that is tucked away behind the bar.

"Compared to what it used to be it sucks," senior Zack Wiessner said. "You used to go out and open big sliding windows and it was so wide open, not like a prison. You're not staring at people's feet."

Wiessner reminisced about the smell of fresh popcorn from the

machine that was in the old game room and described how bright and welcoming it used to be with the windows and the Vincent van Gogh mural painted on the wall.

But does that mean the new game room is a lost cause? Laura Thomas, the Student Government Association official in charge of the game room, doesn't think so.

"I think it has come a long way since I was a freshman," she said via e-mail. "I am still working on bringing more to the game room. We are trying to make it look more like a pub, and in doing so, I am in the process of putting our sport teams' pictures on the wall, varsity and club."

Even more changes are on the way according to Victoria Angis, the Castleton administrator in charge of the game room.

"We have a dart board waiting to be installed," she said, with a non-assured chuckle, as she rested her head on her hand.

Things are moving slowly for Angis and Thomas, who are also

working on installing a large magnetic poetry board for students to be able express themselves on, as well as trying to make the pinball machine free.

"The two other things in the works are a neon sign and a huge chalk board, you know, to keep score," Angis said. "Oh, and a mural."

Senior Daniel Gardner felt that adding a dart board was a step in the right direction, although, he would still like to see more entertainment in the room.

"I'd like different kinds of games in there," Gardner said. "Like more to do, like an air hockey table."

But Thomas cautioned that more games require more room.

"I wish we had a bigger space to work with so we could have more games down there," Thomas said. "But I think we can make it more than it was before."

As for how much use the game room currently receives, it's sporadic. One can walk to the mail

room on a typical Monday, check their mail, and leave without hearing a sound coming from downstairs. If they peaked in, they'd find a dark room with lonely pool sticks randomly dispersed throughout the room, and ping pong paddles resting quietly on the table.

However, if that same person walked by to check their mail on a Tuesday, they could hear the crack of a cue ball hitting the eight-ball into a pocket. They'd see a few people standing around with pool sticks, some waiting for their turn, others watching the newest Taio Cruz music video.

Ultimately, it's the students who can help change the game room if they are unsatisfied, Thomas said.

"This year I have more say on what goes into the game room and it is a little easier to get what the students want faster," Thomas said. "I have been asking students around campus what they would like to see and those answers are what I try to get."

Señor Senior



Mike DeDotto

I just spent about 10 minutes watching two British dudes chew and swallow a Naga Viper pepper on YouTube. Then I went and watched all their other videos because it was awesome. The Naga Viper is the new record holder as the hottest chili pepper on planet Globage. It beat out the former champ, the Bhut Jolokia, or "Ghost Chili". Awesome names going around the pepper world.

Peppers are rated on the Scoville Scale. It measures the heat of a pepper by tracking the presence of a chemical compound. And then there were more big words with a lot of syllables explaining the scale while I was researching. Basically a Naga Viper is like a million times hotter than Jalapeños.

I wouldn't eat one. Not for money or anything. These dudes were in serious pain. The lengths people go to for spice in their foods is redonkulous. Are peoples' taste buds just really bland? Why would you want to take decent food and blast it with fire?

I get it, "it spices it up." I like spicy foods too and can taste the different flavors from peppers, but I would like to keep tasting things after I'm done. "This is bland" boom, spicy. That's how I handle it. Not, "this isn't spicy enough, let me dominate it with everything so I can't even move my tongue."

How are peppers getting spicier and spicier like they're phone updates? (Enough with the 3G and 4G stuff by the way. I'll be talking into a 10G a year from now.) Some psycho just HAD to breed the Naga Viper. What's next? The Gasoline Viper? Thank you. Doesn't he watch what the Ghost Chili does to people online? Or what it does to my hero, Adam Richman on "Man vs. Food?"

A little pepper and two dumb Brits just put so many questions in my head about food in the world. That creepy bald dude Andrew Zimmer eats the weirdest crap too on his show. I saw him suck bee larva out of a hive once—no lie. Why not pit him up against my boy, Richman and see who can eat the most Naga Vipers? Anthony Bourdain can referee and look down his glass of red wine in shame at the two of them. I'll call it, "Man vs. Man vs. Food vs. Death." How's that for a publicity stunt Travel Channel? Please, please, make the check out to Mr. Mike DeDotto. Gracias

Movie Review: Solitary Man

By Alison Clark
Castleton Spartan

Ben Kalmen is a car salesman of the worst kind. Not only is he slick, greedy and shallow, but he also believes his own lies.

Michael Douglas stars as Kalmen in director Brian Koppelman's "Solitary Man," a depressing representation of a man who throws caution to the wind, lives like there's no tomorrow and lives without any regard for anyone but himself.

When Kalmen finds out there was an irregularity in his EKG, he tells himself that if he acts like a 20-year-old frat boy he can cheat death. He chases women that are more than half his age. He pulls some fraudulent business deals and suavely avoids prison. He pushes the limits until they are a faint dot in the distance, and he is left to celebrate his unethical and immoral victories alone. Always alone, a solitary man.

Douglas' portrayal of a man whose only interest in life is himself is believable and complete. There is no doubt that he is an awful creep, but there is something about his performance that propels the film forward. You have to see if he can ever get himself out of the grave he has dug himself. He is human, after all. There must be something un-evil about him if his daughter (Jenna Fischer) and his ex-wife (Susan Sarandon) keep coming back regardless of the awful things he does.

"Solitary Man" is not uplifting. It is not funny or suspenseful. But it will make you think. Think about mortality and family and decency and love. You think about it because it is so lacking in Kalmen's skewed interpretation of his life, an interpretation not based on reality, but based on lies.

Solitary Man is a depressing drama with a great cast that will make you think. A word of warning, if you don't like open-to-interpretation endings don't watch this movie because ultimately you have to decide if Kalmen is really as solitary as he seems?



Book Review: Millennium Snow

By Wendy Young
Castleton Spartan

Millennium Snow by Bisco Hatori is the story of Chiyuki, a girl who has been in and out of the hospital her entire life. Her parents gave her the name 'Chiyuki' which means 'millennium snow' in the hopes that Chiyuki would live for many years instead of the few years that were predicted. One day, looking out the hospital window, Chiyuki sees someone jump off of a building. She runs outside to find the person, and encounters a vampire named Toya. He had not jumped off the building. Instead, he had collapsed because he was too hungry. His sidekick Yami (a bat) rushes over, having only left Toya's side so that he could find food to bring to him. Chiyuki, not about to let this chance at something fun and interesting run away bugs Toya almost to the point of being obnoxious, knowing very well that she could die any day. She even gets him admitted to her school!

It is a very interesting story. Chiyuki is a spunky girl who doesn't let anything (including her illness) get her down. And she likes keeping everyone as happy as she is. And that includes people, animals, angry vampires, bats, energetic werewolves. This two book series is a quick, fun read.



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Candlelight vigil

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people don't realize they're in a violent relationship," she said.

Although the vigil was only a short walk from the library to the Campus Center, it seemed to get the message across to the campus.

And inside the Campus Center, the "Hands are not for hurting" banner and informational bulletin boards were displayed for those who participated. Students and faculty were also urged to wear purple on Monday to support the initiative.

Most of the Castleton men's hockey team attended to show their support. Tyler Atkins, a junior on the team, said a couple reasons led the team to join in.

"It's something we wanted to do as a team, it gives us good publicity and we wanted to make a difference."

Braden Kinnebrew, a freshman also on the team, agreed with Atkins.

"I think it kind of opened people's eyes a little and I didn't know it was that big of a problem until I saw the statistics. It's good to see that people came out to support the cause."

Sabbatical

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to Katoomba and spent three days hiking in the Blue Mountains as well as exploring the Jenolan caves. The splendor of these mountains blanketed in the blue Eucalyptus mist of a winter morning, and the intricate sculptural formations in the caves were certainly works of art unequaled in any museum or gallery.

In September, I joined the Castleton students studying at Roehampton University for the orientation and initial weeks. When I was not working with the students, I did my usual London thing of walking about town and spending hours on end in museums and galleries. I have been to London many times over the past 30 years, and each time I notice how the city, despite its long and complex history, is always in flux. It is not just that buildings and fashions change, but the city itself seems to hum with the energy of a specific moment in time.

I left London and headed off for three weeks in Crete, the southernmost of the Greek Islands, and in many ways a little country/continent in its own right. I have long had a fascination with Cycladic and Minoan history and art and Crete is rich in archeological and cultural sites. It is also a wonderful place just to sit back and watch the sunset after day of hiking on the beach or exploring fragments of human civilizations dating back thousands of years.

One of the standout moments in Crete, and tribute to both Castleton's reach and the smallness of the world, was meeting up with my colleague, professor Harry Chaucer in the lobby of a small hotel in the city of Heraklion. Harry is also on sabbatical and had been traveling in Europe doing research on Leonardo Da Vinci.

Harry was nearing the end of his travels when he and his son wandered into the hotel late one evening. I just happened to be in the lobby checking e-mail and chatting with the receptionist. Harry and I did a couple of classic slow motion double-takes, shared a laugh and then spent the next day together driving down to Matala and exploring the archeological dig at the Palace of Festus in southern Crete.

After admiring the ruins, we headed down to a beachside taverna for lunch and spent some time checking out the hillside caves. The caves were once Roman crypts, but are most famous as homes for hippies in the 60s, and a lyric or two in the lives of Cat Stevens and Joni Mitchell. Harry left me (in a hotel not a cave) in this veritable paradise for four nights with my watercolors, camera and notebook. Then I spent another 10 days in various other towns and villages on the island shooting photos, writing and just wandering about. Ah, life's just tough sometimes.

After Crete, I went back to London for a quick meeting with the students, and then off to the south of France to visit my uncle, a semi-retired, well-known modern dance choreographer. While there, I found myself suddenly and significantly involved in a professional capacity working on a dance video and book project with a BBC producer, a few dance professors, my uncle and others. If all goes well, that project may require my returning to London and France in the summer. More immediately, I plan to leave next week to spend the remainder of the year and spring semester working on other projects while cruising in my boat on southern waters. But those are just the seeds of other stories yet to bloom during this ongoing sabbatical adventure.

The life of Harry McEnerny

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costume, formal suit and astronaut costume.

His mornings consist of reading online news websites -- MSN, CNN, Burlington Free Press, and ESPN, to be exact -- while drinking a hot cup of half regular half decaf coffee. Why half regular, half decaf, you ask?

"I used to drink all regular coffee, and nobody needs to see me on all regular coffee. That's ugly."

After a quick shower, it's off to Castleton, "a 37-minute commute which is long enough for me to think about what my day's gonna be about, get mad about it, and get over it," he says.

When he arrives at school, he goes straight to his office in the lower level of the Fine Arts Center in the Costume Shop. On his office door, a poster of playwright Bertolt Brecht can be found, along with notes from students requesting his presence. Inside lies a large bookcase filled with numerous different plays or books about plays.

One wall acts as a giant chalk board, displaying various messages written by different students, phone numbers and a quote with bolded letters that scream "TAKE IT HARD OR NOT AT ALL!"

Other items in his office include a small statue of a frog playing a guitar, a row of Diet Dr. Pepper bottles and a framed picture of Bugs Bunny and Gossamer (the big, furry red monster) sitting at a table with Bugs' line "I always say, monsters are the most interesting people."

Above his desk is a large framed poster of his production of Jesus Christ Superstar, one of CSC's biggest productions to date. On his Mac computer, you can always count on the wallpaper consisting of a picture from his previous production. Right now, it's a picture of a scene from The Cripple of Inishmaan, which just ended its run on Nov. 14.

THE OPENING ACT

Harry McEnerny IV was born in New Orleans, La. -- during a hurricane.

"Answers a lot of questions, doesn't it?" he says.

He grew up, however, in Chattanooga, Tenn. with two sisters, Kathleen and Allison. His third sister Maggie wasn't born until he was in high school. His dad worked in computer systems, while his mom worked at a non-profit.

McEnerny's first paying job was at an amusement park in North Georgia called Lake Winnepesaukah, now known as Lake Winnie, working in the "games department" coaxing passersby via microphone to play the game he was hosting.

"That might be one of the favorite jobs I've ever had because a lot of people had these shirts that said 'If you aint from Georgia, you aint shit.' And it didn't occur to them that if you take the negatives out of that sentence, you get 'If you're from Georgia, you're shit.' And this is what they're walking around the park wearing. I found that funny. They didn't get it."

A face that changed it all

Once upon a time in Ashland, Va. Harry McEnerny saw this amazing face. He vividly remembers the time and place when he met the love of his life, Monica. It was at Randolph-Macon, the college they both attended. He was hanging out in his friend Judy's room one day when her roommate Monica came in, looking for her roommate, and left.

"After I picked my jaw up off the floor, I asked 'who was that?' She was wearing a purple shirt at the time. It looked like ribbons. Like she was wrapped."

Monica remembers the encounter too.

"He was pretty loud and obnoxious so I got to know him pretty quickly," Monica says.

"It was the beginning of a long and beautiful friendship," Harry says.

He was sitting in his first political science class a few days



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Harry McEnerny rehearses a fight scene from *The Pillow Man* with students Jake Bleckli and Garret Covey.

later when Monica walked in and sat in front of him. Harry didn't do well in that class.

Harry and Monica's ideas of their first date differ, however. If you ask Monica, their first dates were nights spent in the school's library, playing Spades. Those nights included one when they had their first kiss in the stairway of a dorm. It was the same night Harry stole Monica's notebook and ran out into the rain with her chasing him.

"On what day was that?" Harry grills Monica.

"Ugh you always do this, I don't know, September... 21st? 20th? I don't know, September something."

"The 20th, September 20th," he said.

"For real?"

"For real!"

"I had it right!"

"You said it second! [pause]"

You see, we're still madly in love with each other."

The story of their engagement is a little less orthodox, Monica explains.

"I had dropped out of school and gone to Belgium, I was going to study there, and I realized that I was pregnant. And this was before the days of cell phones so I wrote a letter to Harry saying 'I think I might be pregnant,'" she said.

When he received the letter, Harry called Monica overseas. Because it was so expensive, the phone call was short.

"Well do you wanna get married?" Harry asked.

Monica said okay. And just like that, Harry and his parents (whom Monica was meeting for the first time) flew over to Belgium and they were married.

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Students explore Mayan culture in Belize



COURTESY OF CATHERINE GARLAND

Students tubing down the Macal River in 2008.

By Elicia Mailhiot
Castleton Spartan

Imagine a course that combines ecology, history, and physics -- and involves a trip to Belize during Spring Break.

You don't have to imagine, it's being offered during the spring 2011 semester at Castleton. The Collapse of a Civilization: The Environment, History, and Science of the Maya, is a team-taught course instructed by professors Cynthia Moulton, Jonathan Spiro, and Catherine Garland. The course meets Tuesdays, and carries four World Views frame credits.

The course examines the Mayan Civilization in Central America. The students will then be asked to put their knowledge to use when they fly to Belize during spring break. While there, they will climb Mayan pyramids, canoe in the rivers of the jungle and interact with toucans. Students are expected to process what they have learned upon returning and interpret their findings in a way to understand contemporary issues affecting the sustainability of our planet, according to its course description.

Moulton is not a stranger to traveling for science. For sev-

eral years, most recently in fall 2009, she traveled to St. John to explore the diversity of life in the tropics. Aubrey Goad, an art major, graduated in 2004 and went to St. John. There, she helped perform a reef check, "where we essentially collected data along the reefs in an effort to help preserve the endangered coral reefs, and the plant and animal life it sustains," she said.

Catherine Garland traveled with the Civilization class to Belize in spring 2006 and again in 2008. She lit up as she spoke of her past experiences. Instead of the typical coastal experience, the class stays at a lodge inland, directly in the rainforest. While there, they have a Mayan tour guide, who is knowledgeable about the civilization's culture. She described the activities the group participates in, including the canoe ride through the cave.

"The Mayans had the belief that if they die, they go into the underworld. These caves are seen as the entrance into the underworld," she said.

She noted that the trip was a great way to get away from the noise of individual's daily lives. They do

not allow most technology, including iPods and computers. This creates a lot of time to enjoy the scenery. The class learns the constellations that the Mayans used as they star gaze at night. Also, their location is an oasis in itself.

"We stay right in the rainforest and can hear toucans and macaws, and we hear the howler monkeys at night," she said.

Dakota Trufant, a mathematics major who has since graduated, participated in this course. He was overwhelmed while studying the culture of his own people.

"I had so much fun just being located in the jungle and learning about possible distant relatives experiences, lifestyles, and customs," he said.

But not all the trip was as satisfying, he said.

"I remember Belize City being kind of a shithole, but that's whatever," he said.

Another student excited about the course is Phoebe Ezurike, a junior health science major. This is her first time traveling with the college, and there are many things that are interesting her.

"I was glad when I heard a course about the Mayan Culture will be taught because I have heard a lot about the Mayan calendar and their insights in science. I know that the culture was really advanced beyond its time and its people were really interested in the future. I wonder what caused such a civilization to collapse."

Was it due to someone's greed and corruption?" she said.

Although the trip was open to all majors, there was an extensive application process and the cost of the trip is approximately \$1,900, which includes everything. The professors asked a number of things from the applicants, including their program evaluation, as well as briefly describing their family and home community. They are also heavily interested in the students' motivation for taking this course. Then, when it is narrowed down to the select 16-20 students, the professors meet with Dean Dennis Proulx, to make sure no one is on academic probation. The deadline for applications was Oct. 29.

There is no doubt that from students and teachers alike, the course and culminating trip is one of the greatest experiences of their lives, and they have memories that they will hold forever.

"One of my most favorite memories is splashing in the water at night and seeing the phosphorescent stuff in the water light up. It was like a dream...so magical. Lying on the beach under the stars, snorkeling in the ocean with the sea turtles and all the fish. It was like flying," said Goad. "Although the water in Vermont isn't as clear as in the Virgin Islands, I still keep my goggles and snorkel in the car all summer, just waiting for an opportunity to explore what's hidden in the water."

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Women look to play grittier

By Kristie Dunchus
Castleton Spartan

The Women's Ice Hockey team traveled to Harrisville, R.I. on Saturday to face off against Nichols College. The Spartans fell 3-2 in ECAC Women's East action at the June Rockwell Levy Rink.

This was the first ECAC win of the season and the end of their three-game losing streak for Nichols who improved to 2-6-0 overall and 1-6-0 in conference play. The Spartans fell to 3-4-1 overall and 2-3-1 in league action.

Castleton took an early 1-0 lead just minutes into the first period on Sophomore Hannah Martini's goal. Martini was set up in the slot by Jade Werger's centering pass. Nichols held a 13-9 shot advantage in the opening period, registering seven shots in four power play opportunities.

The Bison scored in the opening minute of the second period to even the score at one a piece. Nichols finished 1-for-10 on the power play and killed off six of seven Spartan man advantage opportunities. The Bison finished the game with a 33-26 shot advantage.

"We have issues with discipline," said Head coach Bethany Torrice referring to the 11 penalties the Spartans gave up.

"You're not going to win games sitting in the penalty box," she said.

Senior Laura Szwed thought her team started out strong but failed to match that same intensity in the last two periods.

"We just didn't have the sense of urgency that we needed to win," said Szwed.

Torrice is happy with what her team has accomplished in the first semester but says the team needs to get tougher and be a more dominant presence in order to be successful.

"We have to play grittier hockey, and more physical [too]," said Torrice.

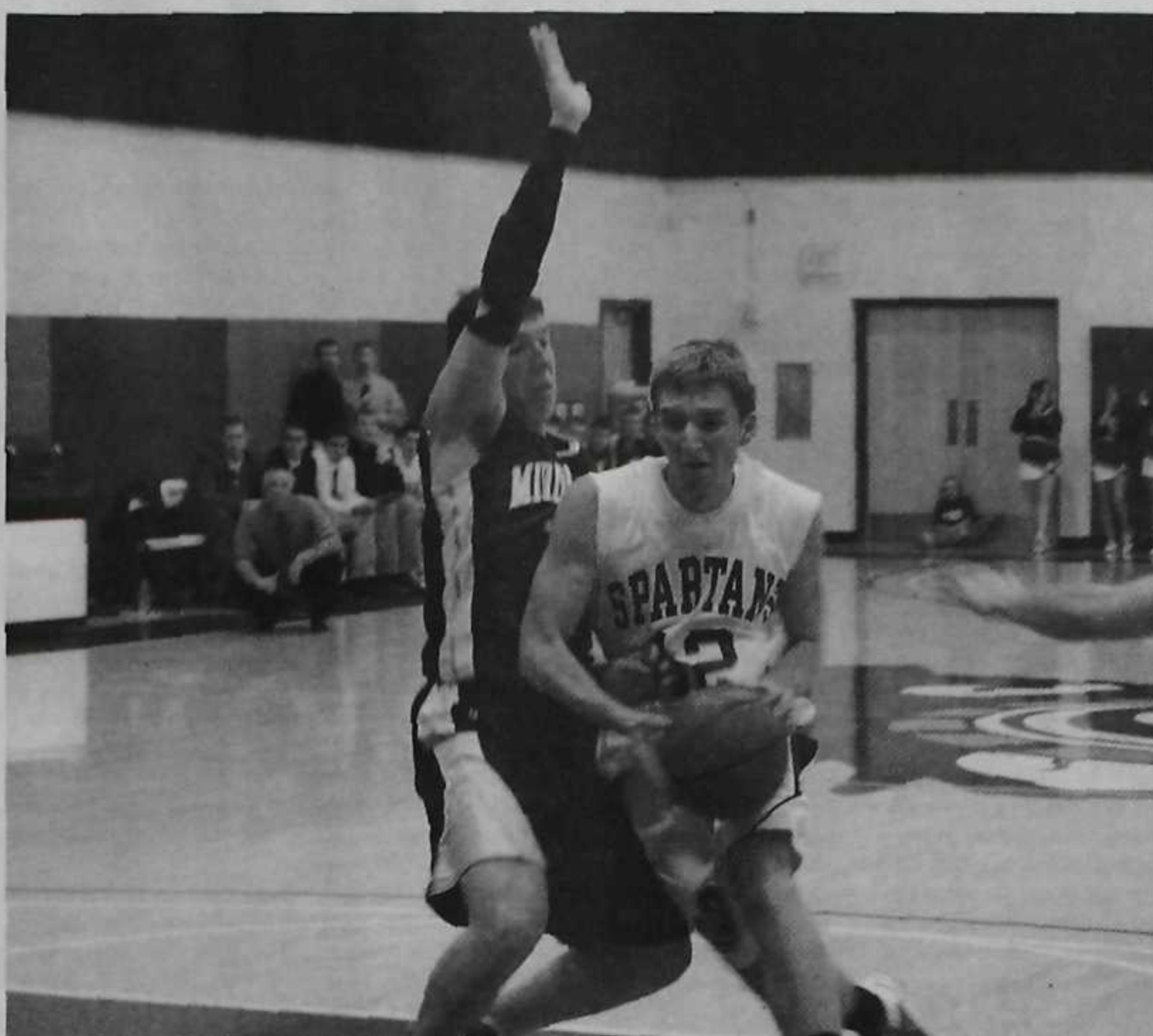
Szwed believes her team just needs to come together and believe in one another and the wins will eventually follow.

"We need to better our foundation as a team and then I think we will be able to connect better," said Szwed.

Torrice remains optimistic about the remainder of this season.

"We just need to keep it simple and do the little things," she said. "The sky's the limit as long as we work together."

The Spartans will close out the semester with a home conference game against New England College at 3 p.m. on Dec. 11.



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Freshman guard Matt Cooney goes hard in the paint against a Middlebury defender.

Men's hoops seeks identity

By Kristie Dunchus
Castleton Spartan

The men's basketball team faced off against one of the best Division III teams in the country, Middlebury College, on Tuesday Nov. 30 in non-conference action. Unfortunately Castleton fell 66-44 to Middlebury who remains perfect at 5-0. The Spartans fell to 2-3.

Middlebury started off strong with a 2-0 lead and would not surrender it from there. The Panthers built a 21-point lead by halftime easing their way to a 20-point win.

The Spartans struggled offensively shooting only 17-44 from the field and also on the interior getting out-rebounded 44-18 overall, and 17-3 offensively.

Mark Comstock was the only Spartan in double figures with 11 points and David Cochrane chipped in eight off the bench.

"We didn't compete very well. We need to get a lot better," Head Coach Paul Culp said.

Culp said one of the downfalls of the team is his players working as individuals rather than as one strong unit.

"I think we try to do our own thing as individuals instead of doing

them as a team," Culp said.

Castleton has suffered two tough losses in its last two games, but Culp said since his team is struggling so much offensively he says they need to not focus so much on their next opponent, but rather go back to basics and focus on themselves.

"We spent a lot of time working on our own offensive sets," Culp said.

The Spartans will have two more chances to redeem themselves before heading off for Christmas break. They travel to Skidmore on Tuesday, Dec. 7 and host Framingham State on Saturday Dec. 11.

Women beat Elms, improve to 2-3



EMMA RUDNICK / CASTLETON SPARTAN

Tarryn Bolognani looks to move the ball against Elms.

By Mike DeIddo
Castleton Spartan

The Castleton women's basketball team came into the Dec. 4 matchup with Elms College ready to play. The Spartans dominated the Blazers throughout the game and never got behind on the scoreboard, winning 53-46.

Castleton took an early 6-0 lead after two quick 3-pointers from guards Tarryn Bolognani and Christine Jaques. Senior forward Kristie Dunchus capped off an early 8-0 run with a jumper to put the Spartans ahead 16-5.

The Spartan defense also dominated the first half, causing 14 Blazer turnovers that led to 15 points. The defense did its best to stop Blazer Erika Murphy who shot 7-17 from the field with a game-high 17 points. Head coach Tim Barrett was pleased with his squad's defensive effort.

"Defensively we played very well," said Barrett. "I think we gave up one too many second chances. But the effort level was very good."

Elms took a 9-0 run of its own, cutting the deficit to four points at 34-30. Castleton

then pulled away again and for good with an 11-2 gaining back a double-digit lead.

"We still need to put a 40-minute effort together," said Barrett. "We've played well but we haven't maintained that level [throughout the season]. It's something we have to work on before we enter into next semester."

Jaques had a team-high 13 points, shooting 5-13 from the field with three 3-pointers, and Bolognani was right behind her with 11, dropping 4-11 from the field with that solo three. Freshman Alyssa Leonard went 4-9 from the field continuing her impressive rookie campaign.

"[Leonard] provides a consistency that you sometimes don't get from a freshman," Barrett said.

With the win, Castleton improves its record to 2-3. The team will begin conference play next semester on Jan. 14 at home against the University of Maine-Farmington.

The Spartans will host Merchant Marine on Saturday, Dec. 11 in the Glenbrook Gymnasium at 5 p.m. They will travel to Norwich University to take on the Cadets in their final game of the semester on Monday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m.

Unsung hero: Lighting lamps and ringing 'Bells'

By Rob Doran
Castleton Spartan

An unsung hero is somebody who doesn't necessarily have to show up on the score sheet of every game, but has an impact.

This past weekend our unsung hero for Spartan sports comes from the chilly confines of Spartan Arena.

Dan Bell of the Castleton men's ice hockey team has played in all six games for the Spartans registering five points. Bell is almost a point per game player but that is not the reason for his unsung hero award this week.

Bell's speed and willingness to sacrifice the body has made him a mainstay in the Castleton line-up. Part of being a Spartan

hockey player takes sacrifice and heart, something Bell has shown continuously.

Most recently, in one play, all of Bell's tools were on display for all to see.

A pass came across the middle setting up a one-timer that would have been a sure goal if it weren't for Bell.

Sliding across the top of the face-off circle Bell blocked the shot and stayed with the play not giving up on the loose puck. As he regained his balance, he gained control of the puck and went streaking through the middle splitting the Colby College defenders.

This particular play ended with a beautiful backhand to forehand move that resulted in a goal for the Spartans, but it wasn't that goal that was so nice.

It was the effort.



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Dan Bell corrals the puck against Bowdoin on Saturday, Dec. 4.

Throughout the entire game Bell was constantly a thorn in the side of Colby, pressuring every puck, challenging every play, and as previously mentioned, an unassisted shorthanded goal.

Bell swung the momentum pendulum the Spartans way numerous times throughout the weekend and showed how a true Spartan competes.

Todd gladly traded in skates for the bench



Alex Todd

By Michael Slade
Castleton Spartan

Hanging up your hockey skates for a player is one of the hardest things they'll ever do. Taking over a hockey program that put up two goose eggs in its first two seasons for a 0-44 record is even tougher. Right?

Not if you ask Castleton State College men's hockey coach and former pro player Alex Todd.

Todd, who played pro hockey for three seasons with his two best years being with the Fresno Falcons in the ECHL, says he doesn't regret going from the ice to behind the bench.

Although the realization that you're not going to make it to the NHL or AHL might be crushing for some players, Todd said it wasn't for him. In fact, he claims it was a good thing.

"After three years of pro hockey, I knew I wasn't going to be able to move up. And as much as I love playing hockey, the thing is with the minor leagues there are new, young faces coming in every year. As you grow up, you grow out of it. You like the job, but the lifestyle isn't the greatest thing. I wanted to do something with hockey. I got enough injuries and scars to last the rest of my life and got out at the right time. So overall I'm happy about my decision to leave the game that I love, to teach what I know."

Todd started his coaching career at Utica College as an assistant coach. One day while recruiting in the Vermont area, he heard about Castleton. He took a drive to the college campus and saw the brand new Castleton Hall and the top of the line workout facility. After talking to some people and seeing the master plan for the future of the college, it was settled, the new face of CSC hockey was

here and ready to take the team where it had never been before, in the win column.

"I looked at it as an opportunity where some coaches looked at it as a dead end job," Todd said.

The men's ice hockey team got its first team win fittingly enough on home ice against Plymouth State College 2-1. In that same first season, the team got its first road win AND got their first ECAC east win against Connecticut College 4-3.

In Todd's second season the Spartans at one point were ranked eighth in the nation for Division III hockey. They finished the year 17-6-4 ranked 11th in the rankings.

People who know Todd well would say, he's tough and demanding, loves his players and loves his job.

Associate Dean of Athletics and Recreation, Deanna Tyson, is very pleased with what Todd has accomplished in the past five years.

"Alex came in and is doing an amazing job, turning the program around. One of his goals was to beat Middlebury and Norwich, which he did. Anytime I ask him to get something done he does it no problem. What can I say, he loves it here at Castleton," Tyson said proudly.

One thing that Tyson believes that helps the team be so good is that Alex Todd also played Division I hockey at Union College. His leadership and knowledge of the game is what drives his players.

Todd has not only been a good coach on the ice, but off the ice as well. His team has proudly won the President Cup in the class room, the only male team here at CSC to do so.

Lindsey Gullett is a junior forward and has been coached by Todd for three years.

"He gets you ready for real life, like having a set schedule every day and time management. Also our age gap is tighter than with most coaches, since every guy on the team is older than a regular team here. He knows what it takes from playing and understanding us more."

Senior Rob Doran isn't a player, but he has gotten to



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Alex Todd meets with the team during time-out.

know Todd by doing video work for him.

"The guy is dedicated, and loves what he does. He's demanding, but at the same time he does it for a reason. And he has shown it in the past that when he demands more out of his players they give a lot back," Doran said.

This will be Todd's sixth season at the helm and because of his success and track record here, he has received many offers to coach elsewhere. But he said he's staying put for now.

"If you take every offer that is presented to you, you're just going to keep going around in a carousel," he said, adding that he wants to continue making a mark here before — or if — he ever moves on.

Ski team heating up for winter competition

Podnecky, Leggett look to carry ski teams after national championship performances

By Rob Doran
Castleton Spartan

It is very rare to see a coach actually practice and train with his team, but with this commitment comes success and that is exactly what coach Christopher Eder and his skiers have enjoyed over the past season.

The men's and women's ski teams have been extremely successful in the past and look to build on last season's United States Collegiate Ski & Snowboard Association National Championship contending team.

"We are very excited to get the season underway," said Eder via email. "Physically and mentally, I feel we are going into the season stronger than ever before."

This is a scary thing for the rest of the Eastern Collegiate Ski Conference since Castleton will be returning not one but two national champion skiers.

Michelle Podnecky and Kristen Leggett both were first place finishers in their respective events in last year's national races in Sunday River, Maine and look to continue and



CHRISTOPHER EDER / SPARTAN CONTRIBUTOR

Brianna Kullberg skis past a gate in the USCSA National Championships last season.

add to their success.

The women's team will be returning eight skiers from a team that finished tenth in the nation last year.

The men's team will be returning nine skiers from last year and look poised not to be outdone by the women. Junior Bobby Jones, last year's ECSC Skier of the Year, and Steve Zotter look to improve on their strong 2010 campaigns and push the men to a national championship of their own.

With these returning skiers and many new faces committed to winning, Eder feels confident in his chances.

"I feel we will have another great year and will be very competitive in the ECSC," Eder said.

The season is still a month away, but the tough training now will be paying off soon. The ski team looks to open the season with some podium finishers on Jan. 8 and 9 as they return to Sunday River, Maine where its national champions were crowned to finish last year.

Frustrating weekend for men's ice hockey

By Mike Slade
Castleton Spartan

The Spartans brought their brooms for the Rutland Herald Invitational. The Castleton men's hockey team rolled past Becker College easily in the first game, with a 7-1 victory. In the championship game on Sunday, Nov. 27, history was made. The Spartans went into Sunday's contest having lost all three previous championship games. Castleton took home the trophy for the first time by beating Brockport State 5-1. Josh Harris, Stuart Stefan, Tyler Atkins and Jonathan Lafrance were named to the all-tournament team.

Senior Captain Stefan was excited about the win.

"It's a nice mix we got right now, everyone is trying to lead by example and score goals," said Stefan. "It's working out well right now; we are 4-0."

The Spartans came into this past weekend, ranked 14th in the nation in a uscho.com poll. However a different team came to play Friday night at Spartan Arena. Castleton jumped out to a 3-1 lead but the wheels just seemed to come off, as they were out played and out skated by a better Colby College. Colby broke the hearts of CSC fans as they came back to win 5-3.

Castleton came into Saturday's game hosting the fourth-ranked Bowdoin Polar



MIKE SLADE / CASTLETON SPARTAN

Castleton backstop Erick Cinotti receives bad news from the referee.

Bears. The Polar bears, dressed ironically in all black, took the lead just a mere 20 seconds into the game putting the puck past Castleton net-minder Seth McNary. Bowdoin scored again at the 10:48 mark with a beautiful slapshot over McNary's glove hand into the top right corner. Af-

ter two goals on four shots, McNary was pulled out of the game and threw his helmet while yelling at his team. Back-up goaltender Erick Cinotti got to see his second action of the year and held the Spartans in the game.

Bowdoin then scored on a one-timer

from the point to go up 3-0. Fed up with being run out of their own building two nights in a row, Castleton tallied a goal from Harris just 35 seconds later. Assists were given to Drew Douglas and Stefan. With an angry Polar Bear getting kicked out of the game, the Spartans went on a power play for five minutes on a hitting from behind penalty. In a net-front scramble with eight seconds left in the second period senior captain Lindsey Gullett found the back of the net as the puck slowly trickled past the sprawled out goalie for Bowdoin. Douglas and Braden Kinnebrew got credit for the assists.

The Spartans appeared to have the game tied at 3-3 on a Harris shot, but the referees waved off the goal saying that the net was dislodged.

"I talked to one of the referees and they said that the other referees saw the net come off the pegs but didn't blow his whistle to stop the play," said Graduate Assistant coach Kurt Colling.

Not only were the players mad but the fans made their voices heard loud and clear. The refs were being heckled so much that one Castleton player made a remark to one of the refs and was thrown out of the game with a 10-minute penalty. The Spartans made a remarkable comeback but the Polar Bear goalie, Richard Nerland stood on his head stopping 36 shots.

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FYS service learning students get dirty



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FYS class picks up trash at Bald Mountain.

By Alison Clark
Castleton Spartan

Every fall for the past seven years Professor William Kuehn has lead his First Year Seminar students to the Helen W. Buckner Memorial Preserve at Bald Mountain in West Haven, Vt. to complete the class' Service Learning project.

The preserve is one of the most ecologically diverse areas in the state and the place where Kuehn's class applies the research methods they learn in the classroom to the real world.

"Sociology is learning about people, what they do and maybe why they do it," said Kuehn, a longtime sociology professor at Castle-

ton. What people tend to do at the Buckner Preserve, a remote area of the woods at the end of a little known dead-end road, is dump trash.

"We find a lot of everything," Kuehn said. "Household trash, party litter, construction debris and fast food litter."

It's not always pretty. "It's sometimes disturbing and gross," said Lani Willard, a senior at Castleton and Kuehn's SOS leader. "There was one thing, it was so gross I couldn't even get that close. Someone had killed a deer taken all the inside stuff out and put it into a plastic trash bag."

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Convocation advocates for social justice

By Megan Davis
Castleton Spartan

The smooth and tinny sounds of the Jazz Band could be heard as you stepped into the Fine Arts Center for this spring's convocation. There were trumpets, trombones, saxophones, a keyboard, a guitar and a deep bass that rounded off the sound. The ambiance was fun and exciting as people entered, which is exactly how it was when everybody exited to "When The Saints Go Marching In."

Convocation itself, however, had a very serious demeanor and was centered on social justice. Keepers of the Flame was the theme of this convocation, and it honored those people who still, to this day, live out Martin Luther King Jr.'s words that were spoken so many years ago.

"Oppression is everywhere and is a part of human nature," said Dr. Michael Kearnen, the orchestrator of the ceremony. "In most places of oppression, there are still people who refuse to embrace violence."

Kearnen then introduced students, some of whom were part of the Social Justice Club on campus to read a variety of speeches, letters and other pieces.

Brian Garby read "Love Your Enemies," a sermon given by King. As Garby read, the entire audience was completely silent, absorbing each word.

"I liked the Martin Luther King speech. It talked about a lot of really good things," said Jeremy Benoit, a sophomore at Castleton State.

The collegiate Chorus performed "Wade on the Water" and "We Shall Overcome" between readings before Kearnen returned to introduce the next story.

Mykael Harrigan read a letter Nelson Mandela, who had been sentenced to life in prison for sabotage and other charges, wrote to his daughters while he was in prison after their mother was captured. It explained how their mother was extremely brave and was doing what needed to be done for the good of their people.

Lani Willard read "I Have No Enemies" by Liu Xiaobo who called for political reforms and the end of communist one-party rule in China. The only time he was able to give

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Snow Daze

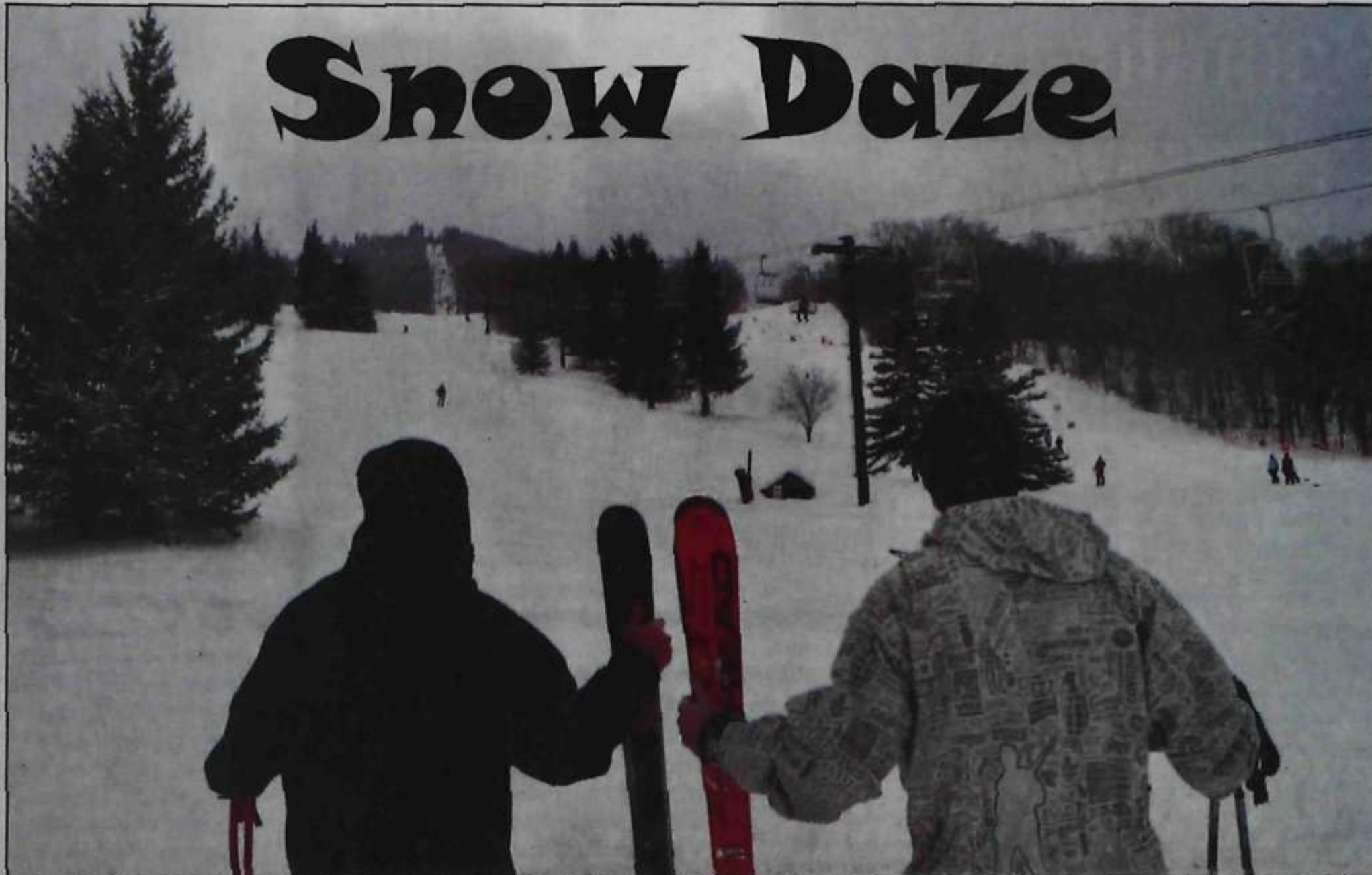


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Students view Pico Mountain before beginning a day of skiing.

Students feel the pull to CSC from local ski resorts.

By Wyatt Aloisio
Castleton Spartan

It's early morning and the first rays of warm sun are peaking over the slopes of Killington and the surrounding hills. Your breath hangs heavy like fog and the powder underfoot makes a strong crunch as you move. The night before a major storm has dropped several inches of fresh snow onto the mountain. Clumps of snow still heavy in the trees seize and hold the sunlight with the low wind stealing the loose diamond dust into the air. For many, including Castleton State College residents, this is a paradise.

With this winter bringing about the best conditions for skiing and snowboarding in recent years, students are flocking in droves to be the first to the several local ski mountains as often as they possibly can. Students can often even be seen sporting snow gear to classes, ready to hit the slopes

immediately after.

"I always go at least once a week, maybe three times if I'm lucky," says student Michael Slade. A senior here at Castleton, Slade has visited Killington more than a dozen times since the mountain opened back in October and like many others takes full advantage of the school's close proximity to the resort.

"It helps not having classes on Fridays and the frequent snowfall we've been getting makes it really worthwhile," he said.

Casey Burke, a junior at Castleton, talks of how his winter break was made all the sweeter with a day most snowboarders dream of.

"A few days before school started back up about four of us traveled up to Killington one morning," recalls Burke. "It had snowed the night before and we had about a foot of powder. There were waves of snow when we moved down the mountain! I've

never had a day like that one."

Like many on campus, Slade and Burke are two of numerous out of state students or students who moved to Vermont and were attracted to Castleton not just for its academics, but for its close proximity to Killington, Pico and Okemo.

Perhaps the greatest advantage for students attending the school is not just the location, but the skiing and riding community it's made up of. Many of the students who now snowboard or ski learned to do so after seeing the active winter sports environment and getting help from people already involved.

"I knew how to ski before I got here" adds Slade. "But I decided to pick up snowboarding eventually. Myself and three others I lived with got to learn together and had help from two other friends who were

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PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY TRACI HUBBELL/ SPARTAN
Mike Deldotto brushes off one of winter's gifts.

sNOW thank you

By Megan Davis
Castleton Spartan

Well, it's almost that time of year again, folks. No, not Valentine's Day. It's almost to the point where people have about had it with the snow. While some are completely pumped for the remaining weeks of ski or snowboard season, the rest of the population simply wants the stuff to go away.

"It's cold and it sticks

to your pants and makes everything wet. When you have to shovel an eight car driveway after break it's not exactly fun," said Jess Lawrenson, a junior at Castleton State College who hails from Cohoes, N.Y.

Vermont's winter usually begins in late October, early November when most other states are starting to experience winter or are well into fall. It's natural for a few out-of-staters to

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Student's bright idea for lights wins SGA contest

By Jessica Lawrenson
Castleton Spartan

It is 9 p.m. and dark. Freshman Ruth Tomlinson is walking back from class. The fastest way to her dorm is to cross behind the Campus Center. Tomlinson, however, doesn't feel safe because there is no light until you reach the other side.

But this isn't the only area she has noticed lacking light and with that thought, she entered the Student Government Association's \$250 For Change Project.

"I didn't think I would win, but I wanted to bring it up so my voice could be heard," Tomlinson said.

She won. Her idea was to increase lighting behind the Campus Center, the green by Hudson and the path by the Coffee Cottage.

Each contestant had to send in a description of their idea along with an estimated budget and what the budget would be used for. There were 11 contestants total. The top five ideas were: adding pages to the catalog to better explain the frames of reference, creating a daycare for students and faculty to bring their children to on campus, paving the gravel sidewalks, creating a commuter lounge and Tomlinson's idea of increasing the lighting on campus.

The point of the contest was to

get ideas for the seven new delegates on SGA to work on for this semester and next year, said Justin Garritt SGA president.

"Her ideas can and should help shape future decisions on where to place resources when considering how best to light our campus for both safety and practicality of use," said Dean Dennis Proulx in an e-mail regarding Tomlinson's idea.

Proulx said that he is willing to meet with Tomlinson and anyone else who has ideas on how to make campus better.

Tomlinson received \$250 toward textbooks for this semester for her idea. The others did not walk away empty handed, though. The top five

received \$5 to the school store.

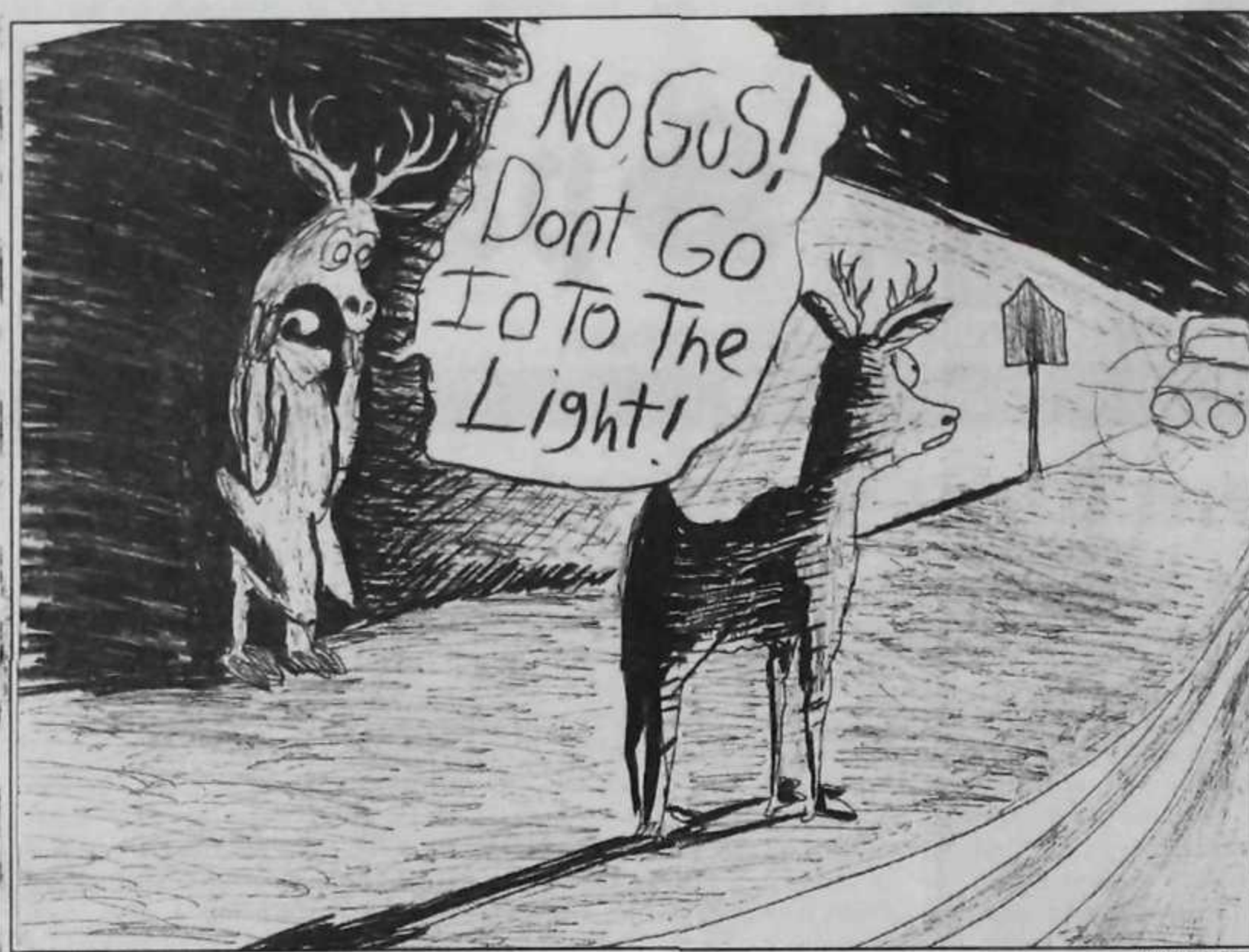
Tomlinson gets to work side by side with Garritt to implement her project.

"I am excited to be working with Justin and meet new people too," Tomlinson said.

Garritt and Tomlinson will be meeting to plan when the project will be put into place.

Garritt hopes to prompt Tomlinson to become a student leader because of her efforts in this competition.

"After a winning proposal, we want her to join the SGA," said Garritt as Tomlinson was walking into the office.



JAMIS LOTT

Sounding Off

We are privileged to have a number of diverse, educational and entertaining Soundings events. Below is a sampling of student comments.

Reflections on Recent Events

Convocation

"...Martin Luther King's speech 'Love Your Enemies' and Nelson Mandela's 'Letter to His Children' are truly inspiring because both of the pieces of now-famous literature were written from strength and courage in times of hatred and chaos..."

- Cara McIntyre

"...I also like 'Letter to His Children,' read by Mykael Harrigan, because he was honest in his words to his children even if they weren't comforting. I find great inspiration in people who tell it how it is..."

- Calvin Henry

Philadanco

"...In 'Enemy Behind the Gates,' the outfits were very successfully used to suggest anonymity, which served the story of the dance perfectly. In my favorite piece, 'The Elegy,' the costumes flowed and moved with the dancers, enhancing and expanding upon their movements..."

-Sarah Karczmarczyk

"...lighting was used very well to set the mood... Amber and blue were used in 'Funk,' the second piece. And when the tempo and volume of the music went down, the cooler colors were more predominant than the warmer colors."

-Jeremiah Brooks

Upcoming Events

"The Limits of Chinese Power": George Crane

Thursday, February 3rd, 12:30 p.m.

Campus Center, 1787 Room, Ticket Required.

Professor George Crane of Williams College examines China's current economic and political trends.

DeNovo

Tuesday, February 8th, 7:00 p.m.

Fine Arts Center, Casella Theater, Ticket Required.

This documentary play tells the moving true story of a Guatemalan teen trying to escape the gangs of his homeland and begin a new life in the U.S. Parental discretion is advised.

"How to be an Effective Peacemaker"

Colman McCarthy

Thursday, February 10th, 7:00 p.m.

Fine Arts Center, Casella Theater, Ticket Required

Former Washington Post journalist and director of the Center for Teaching Peace offers ways to embrace and create a more peaceful world, starting with ourselves.

Be sure to check the Soundings schedule early this semester, and plan ahead for events.

Blogs: some useful, others useless

By Nick Minarik
Castleton Spartan

The Internet is the home of many strange and wondrous things. You can find facts you never knew, games you never thought you cared to play or music you never knew was released. The entire world is at your fingertips when using the Web, some of it good, and as I've written on before, some of it bad.

The other day my girlfriend showed me a video at which she was particularly appalled. It came from a girl's "fashion blog," which seemed nothing more than an excuse for a 16-year-old girl to talk about what she was wearing.

In just under four agonizing minutes she discussed what she was wearing that day, why she was wearing it and how her followers could be just as fashionable as she was. After it was done, the question was raised, "Who cares about what you're wearing to your dad's birthday dinner?"

No matter what your stance on this particular video, the fact of the matter is that this one girl's "fashion blog" is wildly popular on Tumblr. Based on the number of recognitions that one video has, it was clear that she had followers way into the triple, possibly quadruple digits.

This is not always the case, however. There are meaningful blogs out there, blogs whose posts are filled with self-reflection and meaning. Some would argue that the point of a blog is, as I said before, self-reflection. It can be a place to vent and get thoughts on paper, which can have healing purposes. You can

learn a lot about yourself by keeping track of a personal blog.

Also, certain artistic or news-oriented blogs can deliver interesting, fun and unique works directly to your dashboard. In these ways, Tumblr can be a great site.

Sadly, this usually isn't the case. Upon browsing more, I realized the number of angst-filled ramblings by pubescent teens who are receiving support and acclaim from the Tumblr crowd is disgusting. The site is, on the whole, a place for people to find self-worth in the number of followers they gain.

Why in the world do 16-year-old girls think the world needs to hear their sage advice on fashion? Why do people post obscure headlines in the hope of receiving reassuring words from followers? Why do people even care how many followers their personal blog has?

It seems to all boil down to this: the Internet has raised everyone's level of perceived self-importance. Everyone, whether consciously or unconsciously, has been affected in this way. Some cases are more extreme than others, and a site like Tumblr gives those extreme cases a place to show themselves.

The age of the Internet has made everyone think that what he or she has to say is worth hearing for everyone. Unfortunately, the Internet is filled with people who are sadly mistaken.

Next time you're going to post on your blog, before you post, think about whether you're saying something that is really worth being heard.

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New Year, New Law

By Courtney Bates
Castleton Spartan

The New Year introduced an interesting new change for Vermont restaurants. As of Jan. 1, restaurants in the Green Mountain State are required to include calorie information for all menu items and menu boards.

Not all restaurants will be making these changes as it will be limited to restaurants with 20 or more locations nationwide. The menus are also supposed to say how many calories a person is supposed to have a day.

The new law is designed to help people gain a better understanding of how many calories they are consuming while dining out. The concept is that people will see the calorie content in their meals, and make healthier choices when going out.

There are drawbacks to the law, however.

The main concern is that these restaurants have to pay for these menu changes out of their own pockets. The menu changes are said to cost nearly a thousand dollars, and for owners of two or three restaurants in a franchise, these costs add up quickly.

The addition of the calories on the menu will raise some eyebrows. Consumers may think that ordering a Caesar Salad instead of a Bacon Cheeseburger would be a healthier choice, but how much healthier is it?

Well, at Applebee's, a regular Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad has 800 calories, 56 fat calories, and 1610mg of sodium. A Bacon Cheddar Cheeseburger has 970 calories, 60 fat calories and 1630mg of sodium. When you're facing that many calories, is 170 extra going to stop you from getting that burger you've been craving?

So, will these menu's calorie counters be beneficial to consumers,



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A McDonald's menu displays the calories in a Snack Wrap.

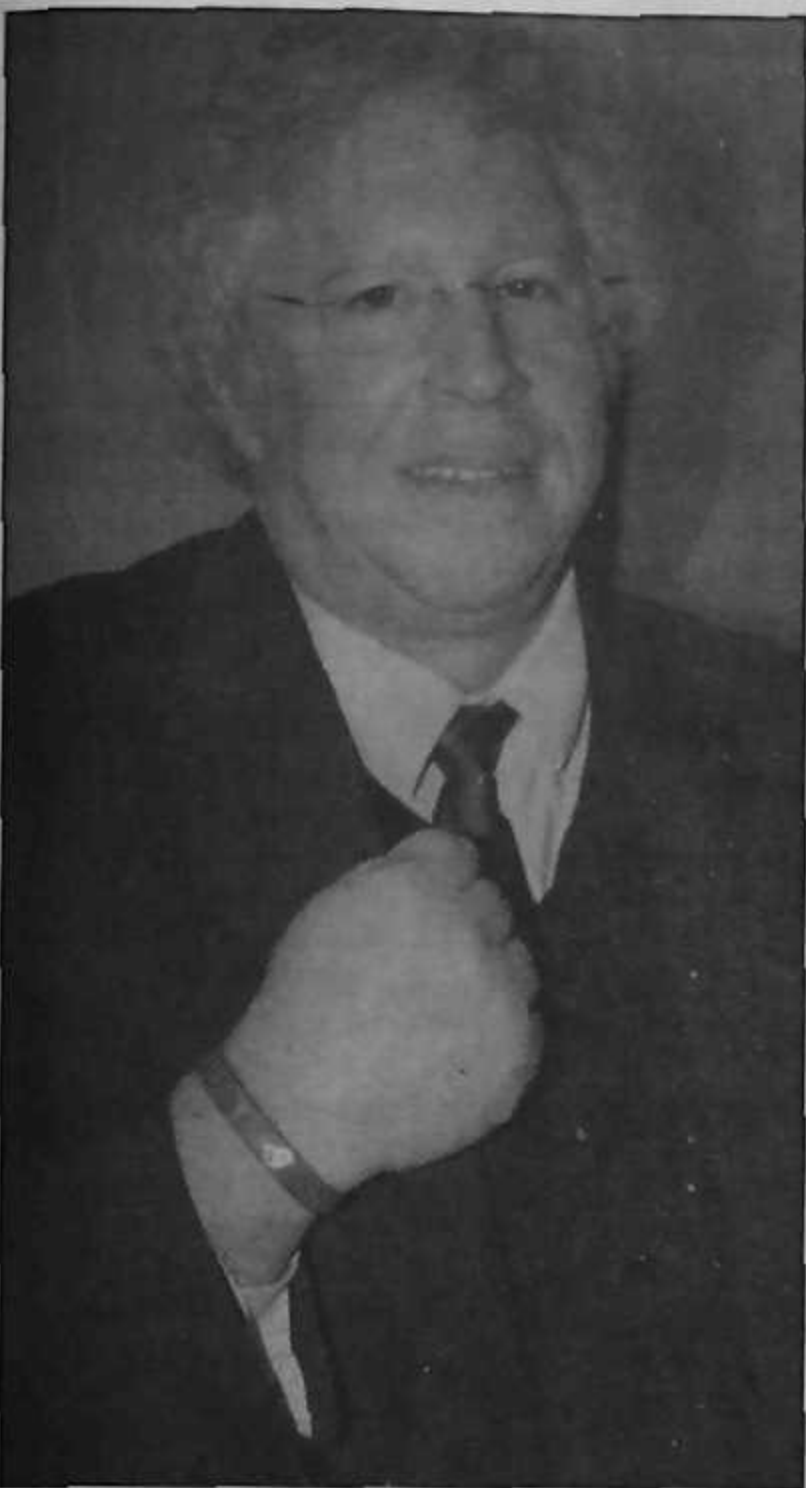
or will many look at the number and disregard it all together?

Most likely, yes they will disregard it.

Most people don't go out to restaurants because they want to eat healthy. People go out to eat to satisfy their hunger, and when they

have to pay for a meal, they are going to get whatever they want to eat, whether it's the healthy choice or not.

While the state of Vermont is trying to do its best to make people healthier, calorie counters probably aren't the way to go.



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President Dave Wolk wearing his ID bracelet (left) while a Castleton student grabs one for free (right).

ID bracelets are cool – and save lives

By Jessica Lawrenson
Castleton Spartan

Students gathered around a table outside of Fireside Cafe with a computer, a large television and many boxes of bracelets reading "Xtremesports ID Never go out alone."

Five days earlier, Castleton State College's President Dave Wolk was sporting one of these bracelets on his right wrist saying they are as close to the Castleton 343 green as possible.

Xtremesports ID brought the idea of the potentially life-saving bracelets to Wolk in the form of Bryan Gillam, a company official who Wolk once served as a guidance counselor to.

The idea of marketing the bracelets to across campus then went to Dean of Students Dennis

Proulx. He signed up right away because he thought it was a good idea, especially with the "where am I feature" where students can update where they are going in case something happens.

"Any student who has a life should have one," Proulx said.

The bracelets are essentially a glorified Medic Alert bracelet with that allows emergency officials to access vital records and contact information through numbers on them.

Originally the company started with the athlete in mind, but is now setting their focuses elsewhere.

"We thought the college student was the perfect client," said Gillam.

Gillam isn't just a pitchman either, saying his life was saved by the bracelet on his wrist. He

was lying on the couch and got a horrible headache. But it wasn't a headache – it was a stroke.

While driving himself to the hospital, the police pulled him over. The officer called an ambulance for him, but because of the bracelet, by the time he had gotten to the hospital they already had all of his information because they had gotten it from calling the number on the black Xtremesports ID bracelet he was wearing.

Students received a free bracelet and a one-year free subscription when they picked them up then it's \$5 a year. The bracelets will also be sold to alumni and parents for \$10 dollars, a portion of which will be going back to the college.

Castleton is the first college to have the bracelets, but Gillam said another school in California

is likely to follow suit.

The handing out of the bracelets seemed to have gone very well. By 9:30 a.m. last Tuesday, a quarter of them had been given out to students and staff, said Josh Wedel, head of the Northeast accounts. By the end of the day, they were all gone and 20 percent had been registered by the next day, said Gillam.

Some students even woke up early to make sure they got one. Junior, Laura Thomas said she left for school about a half hour early to get hers. Thomas thought they were cool because they are Castleton green with two Spartan symbols printed beside the medical symbol – and because they are useful.

"They are great for someone like me who has a lot of allergies," Thomas said.

Wayne's World



Wayne Thornton Jr.

Every day I wake up, shower and then I go to class. When classes are done for the day, I go to work. I have now learned a valuable lesson about working and going to school.

Two months ago, I got a full time job at Killington, making snow at night. Five days a week I went to work and five days a week I went to school. The first week I worked was during Thanksgiving break. The job was easy enough, but I was sleeping in till noon and all my classes were from nine to noon.

My mom told me that there are older people who do what I did and raise a family on top of going to school and working. I told my Ma, "yeah well I'm not those people." They are going to school around their work schedule, I'm working around my school schedule. The difference is you can make your class schedule around work much easier than you can make your work schedule around your schooling. Now that was my dilemma, I had to work around my schooling.

Unfortunately, I made some mistakes.

I sacrificed homework for sleep, and I even missed an exam. Both of those actions severely affected my grades, and up to that point, I had good grades. Before I learned my lesson with working too much, I would walk through Ellis Hall and people would say "I'm broke." I would roll my eyes and say "get a job." Now I say "get a job, but don't work more than 20 to 30 hours a week."

I now know that it's real easy to blow off homework and class for sleep. I also advise to get a job locally. Most employers in the area will understand that you attend college and they will work with you. You could also try to get a job on campus because most of the jobs on campus will work with you around your school schedule.

As I write this column, I'm early for my new part-time job at Pizza Jerks. I'm calm and less stressed because I have time to work and attend school with plenty of free time for homework and time for good friends and good times. So to those freshmen who need a job while you're in college, I hope that you take my experience and make a good decision in picking the right job.

Thank you and remember life smells sweeter when you don't surround yourself with garbage.

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The application deadline is in early October, 2011, but interested students should start investigating now.

Come to an informational meeting on Tuesday, February 8th, at 1:00 p.m., in the Library Media Center Viewing Room.

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1/25/11	Medical - Self Harm	Stafford A. Center
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"Sledding, you're
never too old for it."



Megean St. John

Junior

"Sliding down hills
on pizza boxes
with my gal pals"

On the edge

By Anders Ax
Castleton Spartan

After a week of hiking and camping in the Wind River Range in southern Wyoming, my National Outdoor Leadership School semester group had hiked from 8,000 feet to 10,000 feet. We had crossed sprawling boulder fields, narrow game trails edged with sheer drops and open mountain passes where no trees grew and the only life was the rock encrusted lichen and stubby yellow grass. The wind howled across the open saddles of these mountains.

Life was lived as a group with eight students. We set tents together, purified water, planned our days, slept in close proximity and endured our irrational tempers, our human faults and our mistakes. But we also laughed and sang together. Most of all we coexisted together within the raw and unforgiving entity that is Mother Nature.

But now there are no peaks. No unsuspecting storms rising over the hills, no rapids that could flip the canoe unexpectedly, no sunrises on plateaus or cold dread felt when standing above a canyon and knowing there was no way to descend the final 20 feet to the bottom, and the water. Farewell to the cautions that were given to challenges that were real and unforgiving: "Anders," said Anna Haegel, NOLS climbing instructor,

before the 80-foot granite spire I was about to climb. "There are times you can fall and times you can't fall. This is one of those times you cannot fall. Don't fuck up and die."

When I left, the west fell away in the rearview mirror on 40 East. The simple life was over. Without that sense of survival and the knowledge that life would be challenging for new reasons scared me. There would be many things I

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-Anna Haegel, NOLS
climbing instructor

wouldn't quite understand when I returned. For several weeks I was between homes and lifestyles.

Acclimating to 'civilized' life was more difficult than dealing with offensive weather. The hum of televisions, computers and fluorescent lights were in such great quantities and availability that I wondered why we owned them. I did not trust the bed I used to sleep in. I saw it as unnecessary, along with most objects in my room other than my backpack and camping gear. It would be just as easy to sleep on the floor in my sleeping bag. But I knew I would at some point need to sleep in a bed. So I slept in my sleeping bag, as a compromise, on the bed, seeing as I would have to eventually wash the bag anyway.

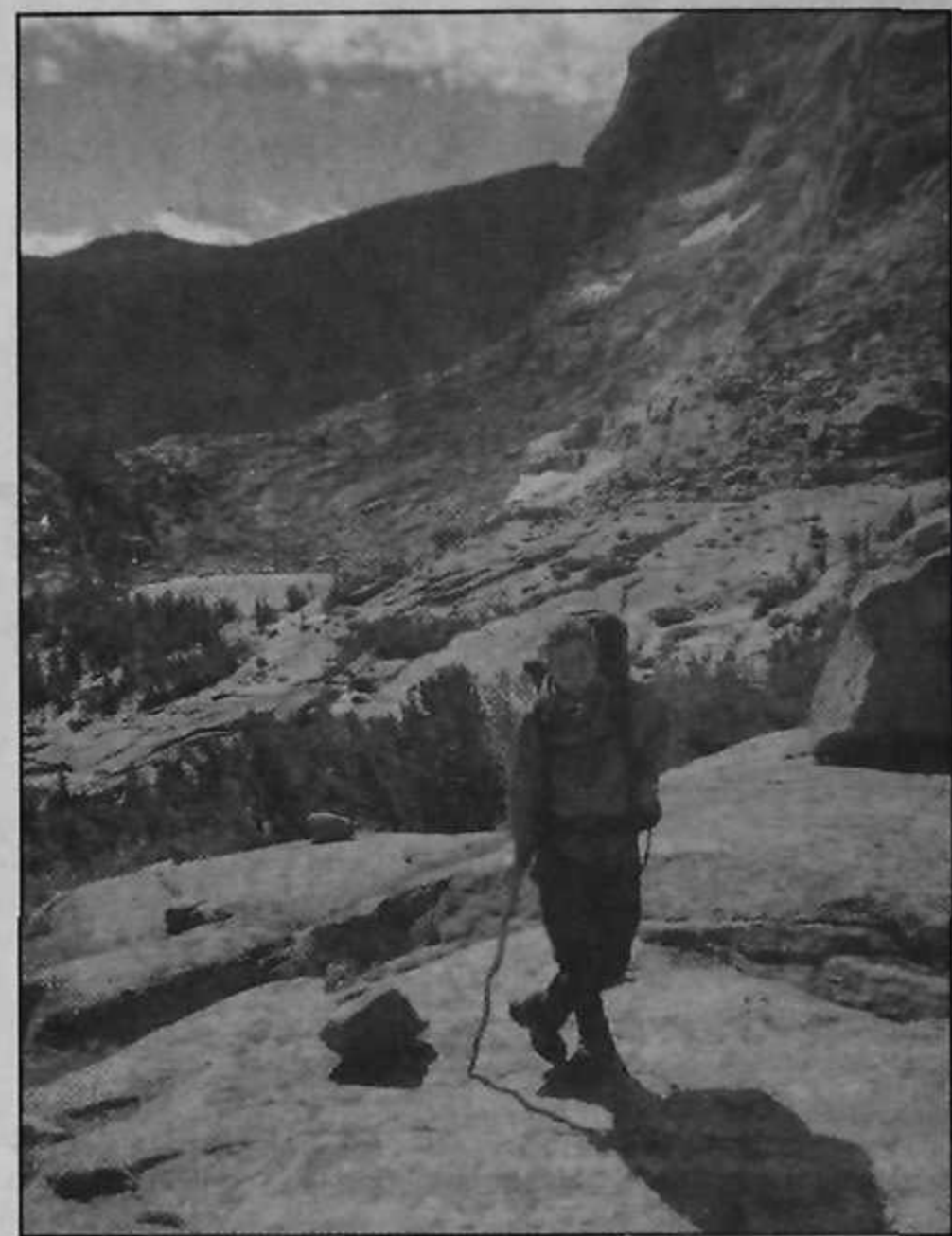
My house had too much. The kitchen alone contained a four-burner stove, oven, steamer, refrigerator, microwave, blender, toaster, freezer, sink, dishwasher, running water, tiled floor. For weeks I'd built meals using only a pot, cast-iron pan, small stove, wa-

ter and whatever it was we had left to live off until our rations depleted. It wasn't an insult to me that 'civilized' life had these things. It was insulting to know people are assured so many items are necessary in a world that, I feel, preaches abundant convenience.

For those first few weeks I was laconic. Life was shallow. Nothing felt real. No more waking up before the sun. I slept until noon or 1 in the afternoon. I didn't have to plan a day of travel in the desert around the knowledge regarding where water may or may not have existed. I could wake up and run the faucet.

There are these moments in life that create a sense of empowerment and intoxication that rapidly

supersede all other rational internal coding. Certain things only exist in their surroundings. The mountains and their presence can only be optimally felt when standing upon their edge, like the edge of the wall, the edge of the peak, before a cirque of towers where the sheer grey walls are cut with the rising sun, when, for a brief moment, you are the only thing between that high point and sky. Whatever walk of life, whatever interest in the world, whatever information or art or business and emotion you may crave, dear reader, I urge you to walk beside these words as I have so that life, so ephemeral and visceral, becomes that much more earned and worth living: "Dare to be bold."



ANDERS AX/ CASTLETON SPARTAN

Anders Ax poses during his recent Outdoor Leadership School trip in Wind River Range, Wyoming.

LEED gold standard certified

By Maria Arnot
Castleton Spartan

Barely two years ago, the Castleton Campus Center was nearly 12,000 square feet smaller. The building was riddled with mold, contained an unsightly exterior and was topped with a dark black roof unbecoming of any environmental gains.

It possessed little to no sustainable qualities. However, when the Campus Center was renovated and reopened again in 2009, the differences between the two buildings were immense.

Not only was the new building more aesthetically pleasing, but it was also designed and reconstructed to be far more energy efficient than the old one.

So efficient, that in September 2010, more than a year after the building reopened, it was announced that the design of the building was operating under a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold standard, according to the US Green Building Council guidelines.

In other words, the Campus Center is at the second highest level of sustainability based on USGBC standards. Only 11 other buildings in Vermont are worthy of such recognition.

"97.4% of the original building was reused," said Dean of Administration Bill Allen, one of many who helped direct the reconstruction



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A student walks in front of the renovated Campus Center that recently won a green award.

effort. "Basically, anything that we could get to be reused and recycled—we did just that," he said.

The building, which was originally expected to attain Silver standards at the time of completion, was designed by JMZ architects and Planners of

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-Bill Allen, Dean of Administration

Glens Falls, NY., who noted that the design incorporated innovative sustainability systems such as "efficiency interior lighting, advanced heating, ventilating, and air conditioning and control systems."

The LEED certification is based on a 100-point scale system for existing buildings seeking renovation. Points are granted based on sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources and indoor environmental quality. Gold certification is worth ten more points than silver certification, and platinum is the highest certification possible.

President Dave Wolk, another advocate for sustainability, said that the building received points

for features such as waterless urinals, dual-flush toilets, and for a very "sophisticated lighting system" where lights dim and brighten depending on the position of the sun.

The building also has a flat white roof which reflects radiant heat instead

of contributing to global warming. "It has certainly raised the bar for future projects," said Wolk.

Project 2012, for example, which will include the construction of a green pavilion, new facilities barn, tennis courts, and a residence hall, will be designed with sustainability and energy efficiency in mind too.

The new residence hall is likely to have solar panels on the roof and will be designed to the Gold standard.

"The renovation of the Campus Center shows that we can rehab an old building and improve both aesthetics and sustainability," said Wolk. "It is physical evidence of our commitment to sustainability."

Student evaluation forms becoming comment-friendly

By Ali Flewelling
Castleton Spartan

Alexia Bolton sits at her desk in mid-November as a classmate passes out student evaluation forms. But, there's something different about this end-of-the-semester routine.

Check marks have been replaced with bubbles and each question has room for a comment.

"With the new evaluations, teachers get more back, they are longer and have better questions," Bolton said.

Bolton is also employed as a work study student in the president's office, so she is thankful for the updated evaluations for selfish reasons.

"It's much easier for me now. Before I had to count out each one, pack them and deliver hundreds. It took a lot of my time," she said. "Now we send them out and have another company do all of it."

Castleton's Reappointment Promotion and Tenure Committee implemented the use of a new student evaluation form last fall and students were faced with yet another change on campus. The new form is handled by College Survey Services, Inc., an outside company that provides institutions with evaluations that are easy to administer, cost-effective and have a brief turn-around reporting time.

Peg Richards, associate professor of Business Administration and member of the RPT Committee, was asked to review the 20-year-old evaluation forms in 2005.

"Student evaluations are looked at very seriously by the college," Richards said. "They give us input on faculty members' futures."

Richards, along with a small committee of students, faculty and administration, began to meet to review the old form. After numerous discussions, the majority of those involved wanted to develop an entirely new form.

"In my work experience, I've always been told 'you don't try to gain a little, you try to gain a lot,'" Richards said of the move toward change.

The group collaboratively decided that it would be important to increase confidentiality, make sure the questions being asked were valid and to automate some piece of the form.

This began their five-year research effort to create a new evaluation system.

In the spring 2009 semester, the first signs of new form options emerged when tenured professors were asked to test two separate "pilot" evaluations in their classes, said Richards.

"We met with vendors who sold the systems and used two pilots with two

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Local charm at Applewood Manor B&B

By Kayla Miller
Castleton Spartan

You've heard of the Holiday Inn or Hampton Inn, right? Well instead of staying at a high-priced hotel that takes your money and hands you a key card, you should consider the Applewood Manor Bed and Breakfast right here in Castleton.

This original 1789 Cape Cod home with an 1805 Colonial front addition is run by Nancy Cameron and Ralph Hirschfeld.

"I'm the hospitable one," said Cameron while laughing. "Ralph is practical." This friendly couple recently received news that Applewood Bed & Breakfast was named as a top 10 bed and break-



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(Top) Applewood Manor Bed and Breakfast might look familiar- it's right off 4A on North rd. (Left) Nancy Cameron holds her parrot, Maya.



fast in the United States by bed&breakfast.com.

This award surpasses the Web sites 2009-10 award naming it a top 10 B&B in New England.

More than 7,000 other B&Bs and 200 in Vermont alone are included on the site and in the award process.

The latest award comes in only their fifth year of operation.

"We were kind of blown away," said Cameron in her distinct Scottish accent.

The 33-acre property has five guest rooms that

seemed to be pretty popular with the current guests staying there.

Lynn Carmen, from New Jersey, came up to visit her son who lives a few towns over.

"I loved it. We think we're gonna get our son an anniversary present here!" Carmen said.

Cameron said she and Hirschfeld adore all their guests and said they do their best to make sure everyone feels right at home. Adding to the hospitality are her

7-year-old Golden Retriever, Samson, and their new

addition, Maya, a beautiful blue and gold parrot.

"You're just such a wee love," Cameron said to the bird during a recent interview.

Cameron said they have hosted guests come from as far as South Africa, Belgium, Australia, and Puerto Rico. All, she said, have imprinted a memorable story for the owners.

"Once people come here, they tend to come back," said Cameron. "I get energized from the guests. They are lovely folk."

Señor Senior



Mike DeDotto

This lack of bipartisanship is grinding my gears. Congress and everyone else annoying me aren't coming to my Super-Bowl party. If you can't get along, then you're not ruining everybody else's time on one of the most holy Sundays of the year.

They should hire a new architect to redesign the Capitol like an elementary school, because that's just how our lawmakers act—like little frigging children. Ah yes, now I remember my days at good ole' Benjamin Franklin Elementary in North Andover, Mass. When kids were whining and didn't get along with each other, the teacher had them sit down, and he or she would mediate the event.

There's no such cure for the lawmakers in our country. Maybe we should try my old man's method of knocking my brother and me upside the head when we didn't get along.

They don't even have to read the bills anymore. If it's a republican-backed bill, then the democrats won't approve. If it's a democratic-backed bill then vice versa. Yes these are fully mature (a lot of them past their prime) adults that we have elected to police our laws.

Oh, and by the way, that's why Obama hasn't been delivering on the "hope" and "change" stuff. He can't get anything through a bunch of whiny, overpaid children in old, rich people clothes.

Is Obama a wuss? Maybe. I know how LBJ got his Civil Rights bills through the morons in the Capitol; he got in their faces and terrified them. Of course he was about 6-foot-5 and weighed about 260lbs. And FDR was a smooth talker. Isn't Obama? FDR spent so much money to put into the communities and public works, how did he really do it? Granted, I believe we would have been severely effed in the A with deficit if World War II hadn't happened when it did.

I guess Obama's got the tall frame like LBJ and the smooth talking skills of FDR; so Congress, WTF? Is Mr. President going to have to head over to GNC and pick up some N-O Xplode and hit the weights? Then he can turn into "The Rock Obama" and just physically knock any mofos out that doesn't want to read over the bill.

So senators and representatives, I'm pretty sure I can take all of you. You can smarten the f**k up and start acting like grown adults who sit and DO THEIR JOBS by compromising on each other's legal agendas, or I can come to Washington with "The Rock Obama" and just stop seven shades of shit out of each of you until you get along.

Music Review: The Material

By Nick Minarik
Castleton Spartan

Very rarely do I use the word "perfect" to describe anything, particularly music. It is so subjective to taste that it makes it nearly impossible to ever reach perfection. Bands try to appeal to everyone in order to get popular, and in most cases, it detracts from the overall quality of what they produce. Despite everything I just said I finally have my exception to the rule.

"What We Are" is the debut album by The Material, and it showcases exactly what they are. They have only been official since 2005 and have released only eight songs until this point.

From a musical standpoint, the composition is genius. Drummer Kevin Pintado combines aspects of various genres in a skillful and sophisticated way which provides an ever-changing and fascinating backdrop to every song. The bass plays a more important role than in most bands, filling in space in verses when the guitar quiets down. Despite the fact that The Material is a five-piece band, the two guitars never overpower. They work together in unison, harmonizing with each other in ways which I am still discovering, even after a month of listening to the album.

The vocals are the cherry on top of a scrumptious musical sundae. Front woman Colleen D'Agostino Moreaux has a flawless voice. The control she exhibits from song to song is so impressive, especially given the vast range of pitches and volumes she covers in each one. She often goes from almost-whisper singing to almost-yell singing on opposite ends of an octave. She's someone that needs to be heard because talent like hers doesn't show up often.

The lyrics are something everyone can relate to. Throughout the album almost the entire range of human emotion is covered; fear, bitterness, anger, regret, hope, faith, love, empowerment, and others in between all show up in one or more songs on



the album.

I could go on forever about why "What We Are" is the best thing to happen to music in the past decade. The flawless execution by such a young group of individuals deserves recognition far beyond what they have received. Do yourselves and The Material a favor and pick up a copy because you won't regret it.

From the title track of the album comes the line, "This is what we are, and we're just getting started." If that's true, the music scene has a lot to look forward to.

Movie Review: Tapped

By Ashley Casey
Castleton Spartan

From small town USA to the Pacific Ocean, bottled water impacts people and our environment in countless ways. This unregulated industry is chronicled in director Stephanie Soechtig's 2009 award-winning documentary, "Tapped."

In traditional indie documentary style, this film takes an opinionated look at the process of making bottled water from its start in municipal water supplies to the landfills that billions of bottles end up in each year. "Tapped" is informative and thorough, while still visually interesting and creative.

This documentary is designed to shock, and it succeeds. Some notable shots include the infamous "garbage patches" in all four oceans that contain count-

less water bottles which eventually kill the many aquatic animals who mistakenly eat them. The interviews in "Tapped" are also alarming. One such interview takes place in Corpus Christi, Texas where many residents believe a bottle-making plant is causing cancer and birth defects at a disturbingly higher rate than normal nearby towns. This film also takes time to debunk the myths of bottled water advertising, such as the claims that it is "safe" and "pure." In fact, multiple independent studies have found harmful compounds in water straight off supermarket shelves.

There is a website companion to the film (www.tappedthemovie.com) that includes state-by-state information on water bottling and collecting facilities. It also has a section that deals with ways to cut down on



waste such as purchasing a BPA-free reusable bottle.

In the end, the basic message "Tapped" leaves you with is that even if you aren't concerned about the environmental and health hazards, bottled water is still a waste of money since at least 40 percent of it is from the tap. If you have any interest in health, environmental issues or documentaries in general, "Tapped" is definitely worth watching.

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Social Justice at Convocation '11

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this speech was while he was on trial because he was forbidden to speak publicly otherwise.

Lastly, Linda Limoges read "Freedom From Fear" by Aung San Suu Kyi, a Burmese opposition politician and daughter of Aung San, the father of modern-day Burma.

All of the previous individuals embraced non-violence and refused to resort to it as a means to reach their goals. Social justice is an important issue in our

society, even today. Honoring and remembering those people who still stand for it is important.

"I thought it was really enjoyable. There were good speeches and great music," said Ryan Delorme, a freshman at Castleton.

"It's one of my favorite events of the year. We come together as a community and celebrate social justice. I'm very thankful to Mike Kearmen, who is genuinely a renaissance man," said Dave Wolk, President of Castleton State College.

FYS students get dirty cleaning up

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bag. And it wasn't just deer parts, there were ketchup and mustard bottles hangin' out in the bag."

The students pick up the trash and dispose of it properly -- no matter how unpleasant.

"Diapers," said Zach Hertzberg a freshman. "Diapers were terrible. We had to pick up about 100 that had just been dumped over the bank."

For most students, the pollution and illegal dumping at the preserve is unexpected.

"I didn't know that that kind of stuff happened here," Hertzberg said. "I'm from New Jersey- I've seen garbage - but Vermont is all into nature. It was a surprise."

McKenzie Works, a freshman from Nebraska agrees.

"My expectations weren't as low as they should have been," Works said. "I'd expected stuff like candy wrappers, not old TV's and deer carcasses."

Once the students have been to the preserve and done their part to clean up the litter, they are asked to reflect and reach conclusions.

The objective of the class is to apply research methods to their experience at the preserve, Kuehn said. The class looks at what they found, categorizes it, and determines who dumped it.

Then they look forward at ways to prevent further dumping.

They concluded that local people do the most dumping and it tends to be those who can't afford to trash removal, according to Kuehn.

Over the years, classes have been a factor in increasing signage at the preserve and environmental design, like moving rocks to restrict access to certain places by vehicle.

For McKenzie Works, education is an important factor as well.

"We are being educated through FYS, but elementary kids should go to the preserve at a young age and learn to respect the area," Works said. "The preserve is there for a reason - for

people to enjoy - you'd think the community would respect that."

Awareness, according to Murry McHugh, the Land Steward at the Nature Conservancy of Vermont who worked with Kuehn's class, is a great way to tackle environmental issues and a benefit of the project.

"It's a great way to engage people in the community and it's eye opening for the students," McHugh said. "They have to pick up what people dump and that experience has a direct impact on their understanding and they realize how awful littering and pollution are."

Students present their ideas and conclusions at a lunch attended by members of the college and the Nature Conservancy of Vermont.

McHugh said student results don't often lead to 'concrete actions,' but not because their points aren't valid, it's the issue's complexity.

"It's a very challenging issue and there's not a lot we feel we can actually do," McHugh said. "But the ideas do give us ideas about how we can gauge attitudes and look at the problem."

The seclusion of the area makes it hard to catch litterers or enforce laws there. Cost of trash removal, a huge factor behind why people leave trash, is a municipality issue, one the Conservancy can't resolve. Although the problem has not been completely solved, the class's involvement does help.

"Working with the college is a huge benefit to the Conservancy. Constantly cleaning the area has an impact," McHugh said.

Impacting the community is the goal of the Service Learning component of First Year Seminar. And in that regard Willard, the class' SOS leader, sees the work the class does as a success.

"Students were hesitant at first about going out and picking up garbage," Willard said. "But they got passionate about it and more involved. From the first time to the last, they were more prepared and ready to get in there and get the place cleaned up."



WYATT ALOISIO/CASTLETON SPARTAN
Student Casey Burke shows off his snowboard collection.

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feel a bit of detestation towards the snow. But what about those who live in Vermont that also tire of the snow? That seems to be more of a phenomenon.

"I'm not really a big fan of the snow, but I wouldn't appreciate the summer if I didn't have to experience the winter," said Dylan Plumley, a junior.

Plumley is from South Hero, Vt. He went on to explain that Vermont has "maybe 90 days that you could qualify as summer time, and you wouldn't learn to appreciate those 90 days without all of the snow and cold."

That seems like plausible logic, but not something that many other Vermonters seem to follow. Perhaps it's because they don't want to, or simply because they don't care.

Patrick Hollick from Williston, Vt. is a Vermonter who seems to get tired of the snow, but not before he

gets tired of something else first.

"Sledding is badass," Hollick said, "I'm okay with the snow until I get bored with sledding, probably like mid-February. Then I just want it to melt."

With February fast approaching it seems like more and more people are fed up with the snow.

"It depends on how much snow we get. By mid-January to early February I start getting sick of the winter. It's pretty in Vermont, but after a while it gets annoying," said Chelsea Crawford, a freshman from Bennington, Vt.

It seems that most people find something to occupy their time and mind while the snow falls to the ground, whether it's learning to appreciate the warmer days, sledding or simply enjoying watching the snow descend. However, it seems that all of these temporary fixes can't quell the annoyance of the snow, which seems to never end.

Snow Daze

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avid already. It was great to have those around me I could ask for advice"

The college itself, though dedicated to its academics, takes great pride in being so close to the readily available ski sites and promotes these attractions to its newcomers and those exploring colleges still in high school.

"When I go state to state one of the first questions I get from younger students about the school is 'How close is it to Okemo or Killington?'" says Castleton Ski team coach and admissions staff Chris Eder.

It's not so surprising then that the ski team has only 7 of 22 team members from Vermont with the majority hailing from across not only New England but the nation.

Maurice Ouimet, head of admissions, said there's also an interesting trend among out of state students at Castleton.

"Many of the students, especially the ones from out of state, are people who came to Vermont to ski with their parents as kids. They remember that and look for schools in the area," he said.

Some students, such as freshman and ski team member Derek Munday, go so far as to say how having good academic standing contributes to their ability to ski.

"I defiantly do better with my schoolwork in season" says Munday. "Being able to go out and ski gives me a reason to stay on top of my grades so that I don't fall behind and can go out skiing freely when I want."

Though unable to formally comment about their sales, Killington Representative Lee Cowan hints that things have been going well on their end as well.

"We opened almost three weeks sooner than every other resort this year so it's been a great early season and a lot of students have been taking advantage of that and the weather" Cowan said. "We visit schools in the area like Castleton and there's a very high amount of student interest whenever we do."

The winter season is still only halfway through and with many more snowy days to come it's not all that hard to tell where the absent students will be if not in class the day another dusting of snow comes around.

CASTLETON CHRONICLES : UNPARALLELED PARKING

By Laela Warnecke
Castleton Spartan

Question: When is a good time to get your buddies together to pick up a car -- literally?

"When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for a handful of country music fans to dissolve their inhibitions and correct the terrible parking job done by one careless driver," said Andrew Kiernan, a junior sports administration major at Castleton, recalling one of his favorite pranks with reminiscent eyes and an excited smile.

This past summer he, his brother Chris, and a few former Castleton students were walking into a Brad Paisley concert when they stumbled upon a cheaply "tricked out" Honda Civic with a not so tricked out parking job. You see, as Andrew matter-of-factly explained, this '92 Civic driver thought his automobile to be so important that he deserved two spots.



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY LAELA WARNECKE/SPARTAN
Chris and Andrew Kiernan: aka "The Brothers Kiernan" reenact their recent prank.

Being slightly inebriated and all pumped up for Paisley, these six able-bodied students took it upon themselves to put the driver back into his place -- yes, figuratively and literally.

"The parking job was an 'N,'" Kiernan explained, tracing the uppercase letter in the air. "We thought it best to put it into an 'H.'"

Using sheer brute strength and misguided male enthusiasm, this parking lot patrolling posse lifted the Civic up into the air and rotated the automo-

until the lot was cleared.

The guys weren't able to enjoy the fruits of their labor, but said they "would have given money" to see the look on the driver's face as he returned.

"He probably tried to decipher whether or not he really was that drunk when he parked ... or if Ashton Kutcher was going to walk up and tell him he'd been Punk'd," Andrew said.

When asked if he regretted his actions, Andrew, laughing, shook his head no.

"But," he said, eyebrows raised and hands in the air, "if it turns out to be someone reading the Castleton newspaper, I would like to apologize for our behavior that night and also thank him for a good time and some fond memories."

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Student evaluations get comment-friendly makeover

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very different systems," she said. "One was very lengthy while the other was brief."

The shorter system came out "overwhelmingly" on top Richards said.

The prevailing system was executed in classrooms across campus last fall and during the January term.

Alyssa Albrico, a Castleton junior, approved of the committee's decision to be more confidential.

"I like the new ones better because they can't recognize your hand writing," she said.

Blithe Devon, a Castleton senior, said that she has never liked Castleton's evaluations, but admits the new forms are an improvement.

"I like how a professor can ask their own question, being able to get a professor's specific question about the course is nice," Devon said.

She also has ideas for improving Castleton's student evaluations.

"CCV does mid-term evaluations. That way professors are addressing problems earlier on," she said. "I think that works well."

According to Richards, this will be an option for professors on a voluntary basis with the new evaluations.

Although students have had nearly two months to reflect upon the update,

faculty and administration have only been able to view the results just recently.

The data from each student form is compiled in an electronic packet that is sent to professors via e-mail from College Survey Services. Professors are now given a synopsis with the average rating for each question. Furthermore, if there is more than three of the same course, it will show them their class ratings in comparison with

others.

"Part of what is different is the way it compares with other classes," said Jared Shapiro, music professor at Castleton.

Shapiro also teaches courses at CCV and Green Mountain College, but says their student evaluations are similar to our old ones.

"I haven't seen numerical comparison in others," he said. "I think that is useful."

Although breaking

away from two decades of unchanged evaluations is proving to be difficult for some, Richards said that most of the feedback she has received thus far is "neutral" and is hopeful that students and faculty are willing to accept the adjustment.

"There are still some things we want to do differently, but as long as we are on the road to a better place it's a success," she said with a smile.

Spartans lose to Norwich

By Kayla Miller
Castleton Spartan

The Castleton women's hockey team fell short against Norwich Saturday, Jan. 29, 8-1. Laura Szwed scored a goal less than three minutes in with, leaving powerhouse, Norwich a little bit shocked. The assists came from Sterling Nelson and Christine Newton.

The last time the Spartans faced the Cadets on Nov. 5, 2010, Castleton lost 11-1. But losing against last year's NCAA Championship runner-up gave the Spartans more desire to defeat Norwich during this encounter. Unfortunately, the Spartans couldn't pull through.

"We're in a little bit of a slump," coach Bethany Torrice said. "We get into a situation where you forget about the success we've had."

Senior goalie, Amanda Hoy, stopped 38 of the 46 shots on goal. Hoy and Katharyn Dembowski have shown great talent, with save percentages better than .900 on the season.

However, seven minutes into the first period the Cadets' Sophie Leclerc, scored their first goal with the help of Jillayne DeBus and Meaghan Papagno. Not too long after, Julie Fortier put them in the lead with the assistance of Melissa Rundlett and Renee Lortie. The tally was Fortier's 51st career goal and 100th career point.

Norwich's crowd grew louder when Papagno scored with Leclerc and DeBus guiding her to the goal.

Although Hoy made 12 first-period saves, it wasn't enough because Castleton finished the period down, 3-1.

Eight minutes into the second, Fortier scored on a slap shot from Lortie. Seconds later, Castleton's Meagan Hulbert got a penalty for hooking, which the Spartans killed off, but they still couldn't keep up with Leclerc, DeBus, Guay's fast skates, which resulted in another goal for the Cadets.

"We ran out of gas towards the end," Torrice said. "I think we played tough though."

The frustration showed in the third period when Jade Werger received a penalty for body checking 12 seconds in. Leclerc netted a hat-trick goal from Papagno five minutes later.

The score was now 6-1, slowly putting Castleton at a slight disadvantage.

Sarah Scardino stepped onto the ice and scored, assisted by Kelsey Cone and Baylie Lamarre.

After that, Sarianne Lynn's goal for Norwich happened during a scramble in front of the net. Elle Kadel and Mollie Fitzpatrick had the helpers.

After Norwich scored to lead it 8-1, a little over seven minutes into the third period, Torrice called a timeout and huddled the girls in to try and encourage them to keep pushing.

The Spartans have another game coming up on Friday, Feb. 4 against Nichols, to which they lost 3-2 at Nichols, Dec 4. The game will be the second annual "Pink the Rink" night to benefit breast cancer awareness.

"Special night, a lot of excitement, a lot more fans. Good energy!" said Torrice.

Ski teams dominate at Dartmouth Skiway

By Kristie Dunchus
Castleton Spartan

The Women's ski team remains perfect in its division adding another team victory on Saturday Jan. 29 in Eastern Collegiate Ski Conference-Thompson Division giant slalom action at Dartmouth Skiway in Lyme, NH. Castleton took the top four spots in the race and placed seven women in the top ten.

The Spartans were led by Kristina Sundin, who earned her first victory of the season with a total two-run time of 2:17.86.

Brianna Kullberg finished in the second spot with a time of 2:18.92, while Amee Piereson rounded out the podium placing third with a time of 2:20.51. Kristin Leggett, Alexandra Nolan and Erica Luce all placed in the top ten.

The Spartans total team time was 417.29 and they had quite a cushion to beat runner-up Tufts University's, who had a total team time of 442.91.

On the men's side Castleton barely came out with a win after three of its five top skiers took falls during their races.

The Spartans were trailing 1.2 seconds behind Tufts but came back to take the overall victory by a mere 1.76 seconds.

Robert Burke led the Spartans placing third and had a total two-run time of 2:12.64. Bobby Jones and Justin Garritt were Castleton's remaining team scorers placing fourth and sixth, out of 96 racers, with times of 2:15.54 and 2:16.39. Bartholomew Kallgren, Brandon Cohen and Thacher Karner also finished in the top ten, placing seventh, eighth and tenth for the Spartans respectively.



CHRISTOPHER EDER / SPARTAN CONTRIBUTOR

Bobby Jones helps to bring the Spartans to victory at Dartmouth Skiway.

Castleton's total team time was 404.57, while Tufts came in second finishing at 406.33.

Head coach Chris Eder said although some of the top contenders on the men's team struggled, the rest of the members of the team were there to pick up the slack.

"We were in second which is not a familiar spot for us," he said. "We ran into some trouble but the guys in the back stepped up."

Although both the men and the women's team usually dominate their conference Eder says there is still room for improvement.

"Some of our skiers need to be more consistent and have two clean races," Eder said.

Eder is looking to focus on one race at a time but says he and his team are focused and want to achieve the ultimate goal, which is getting back to nationals.

They will be held in Idaho later in the season.

"We're happy with the results and everyone is focused and working hard," he said.

The Spartans were back at it on Sunday and once again finished on top placing first on both the men and women's side.

The team will travel to the Cranmore Mountain Resort in North Conway, N.H. on Saturday Feb. 5.



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Colin Murray (Right), celebrates his goal with teammate Braden Kinnebrew against Connecticut College.

Ranked #3 in the nation

Shawn Medeiros
Castleton Spartan

Along with the unveiling of a school-record No. 3 national ranking on Monday in the latest USCHO.com Poll, Castleton men's ice hockey also debuted a new goal song this weekend. And the song "Beat Dat Beat" by D.J. Pauly D was stuck on repeat over the Public Address system at Spartan Arena.

The Spartans scored 14 goals in total, beating Tufts 8-3 on Friday night and Connecticut College 6-2 on Saturday afternoon.

Castleton has tied the program record for most wins in a season at 17-2-0. The previous mark was set during the 2006-07 campaign (17-6-4). The Spartans have six regular season games remaining as they attempt to break the school record.

Against the Jumbos, Castleton scored early and often as Ben Schoeneberger notched a pair of goals and the Spartans went into

the first intermission ahead 4-1.

For head coach Alex Todd, part of the game plan was to let his offense put the pressure on Tufts early in the contest, and Castleton did exactly that.

"We have had games this year where we've played well and didn't score, and we've made it very difficult," Todd said. "There is tension and worry and tonight we played well and also finished [goals] which is what you need to do and get teams on their heels and start ending the game early, and I think we were able to do that tonight."

The Jumbos responded with a quick goal in the second at 1:19 as Tom Derosa stuffed home a rebound into the lower right corner of the net to cut the deficit to 4-2.

Tufts momentum was short lived as Castleton's first line, arguably one of the best in Division III, took over and put the game on ice. Josh Harris whistled a wrist shot

past Tufts goaltender Evin Koleini at 11:15 on the power play to make it 5-2. He tallied his second goal of the game (shorthanded) only 56 seconds later as he and Stuart Stefan executed perfectly on a 2-on-1 break.

Todd was also pleased with the transition game, which generated numerous Castleton odd man rushes.

"It was the most we have had all year, and it was one of those things we talked about this week," said Todd about Castleton's transition game. "We understand how to break the puck out and when we have the guys in position we got to attack. I thought tonight every time the guys were in position the guys got their heads up and attacked, and that allowed us to get all those odd man rushes."

On Jan. 29, the Camels opened up the scoring at 9:44 of the first period on Michael O'Donnell's fourth goal of the season, but

Castleton's offense, now tied for second place in team offense in Division III, averaging 4.68 goals per game, potted five unanswered goals and never looked back.

Stefan jumpstarted the five-goal outburst at 10:44 of the first with his ninth goal of the season on the power play and freshman forward Colin Murray gave the Spartans a 2-1 lead at 14:24, ripping a wrist shot over the glove of Conn. College goaltender Andrew Margolin on assists from Cody Ayers and Tyler Atkins.

In the second, Jonathan Lafrance buried the eventual game winner at 11:21 with a blistering slap shot 10 feet away from the blue line.

Ross Herzog, Ayers and Justin Alonzo rounded out the scoring while freshman goaltender Erick Cinotti made 40 saves over the weekend to improve to 8-1-0 on the season.

Women's b-ball returning to form

Mike Deldotto
Castleton Spartan

The Castleton women's basketball team reminded the North Atlantic Conference that it is still a force to be reckoned with as the Spartans swatted away the Hornets of Lyndon State College, 82-46, at Glenbrook Gymnasium on Saturday.

Lyndon St. looked out-matched from the start. Castleton used its physicality and size advantage to roll into the game with a 17-1 run capped by a Megan Johnson layup from

Tarryn Bolognani at 4:41 of the first half.

Head coach Tim Barrett said that the team stressed that readiness to play was the key ingredient in another shot at a conference title.

"There was a lot of up-tempo play," said Barrett. "We showed the readiness to play. It was a good team effort. We had five players reach double figures."

The Spartans moved the ball soundly on offense and hit shot after shot. That, mixed with the dominance on the offensive and defensive boards and a high-energy shutdown defense led

to a 46-23 halftime lead.

Lyndon St. came into the second half with a new found vigor, forcing Spartan fouls, but the shots just weren't falling for the Hornets.

That flame of energy was quickly snuffed by Castleton, which continued its impressive ball movement and even more impressive finishing to improve its record to 10-7 (4-2 in NAC).

Castleton's Christine Jaques led the way with 16 points, while Kristie Dunchus had 13 and Johnson, Vanessa Powers, and Alyssa Leonard had 10 each.

The Spartans finished the game shooting 46 percent from the field and 15-for-20 from the charity stripe.

Lyndon's leading scorer, Donna Lawson, paced the Hornets with 13 points and eight rebounds, while Naomi White had nine and eight respectively.

The Spartans have one more game before they begin their second trip through the conference opponents.

"We're showing signs of where we should be at this point [in the season]," said Barrett. "We need more consistency. We can't let

the game effort levels drop off.

"[For Johnson State on Monday] we're going to keep doing the same thing; and that's keep it up-tempo."

Castleton travels to Maine this weekend to take on Thomas College on Friday and the University of Maine-Farmington on Saturday. The Spartans return home on February 11 against Maine Maritime.

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Clockwise from left: Mason Aguirre competing in Superpipe Finals, Torstein Horgmo in Slopestyle Prelims, and Spencer Shaw of Stratton, Vt. in Superpipe Prelims.

Dew Tour hits Killington

A good event for Sports Marketing students

By Mike DelDotto
Castleton Spartan

There was hardly a cloud in the perfect blue sky, and the sun shined bright over Killington Mountain Resort as if taunting the habitants who huddled in their parkas from the single-digit temperature. A crowd in the thousands gathered on the sunny, Bear Mountain side of the resort to admire some of the best winter sports athletes in the world. The Winter Dew Tour had arrived in Vermont for the weekend of Jan. 21 through 23.

Peppering the crowd was a group of 20-somethings sporting the highest access credentials and toting writing utensils and surveys. The group was from a Sports Marketing class here at Castleton. They had been promoting the Dew Tour since the previous semester and their final grades wouldn't be posted until they finished their promotions with working at the event.

"We started [promoting] it around last fall," Sam Bailey, one of the students, said. "I'm actually going to check my grade now."

Bailey grabbed his computer and started pitter patter away at the keyboard momentarily.

"F**king A! It's not up yet!" he exclaimed with a laugh.

Bailey said the class spent the previous semester scouring bars and local high schools chirping at

the ears of anyone who would listen. They handed out fliers, they tossed around schwag, and they raffled off slightly more expensive items like hoodies and skis.

While on the mountain, the students didn't have time to admire the athletes.

"We have to have 200 of these things done by the end of the weekend," said Alex Williams, another student in the class referring to the surveys. "There's 15 of us and we've been coming in shifts all week, not just the weekend."

Sports Marketing programs from other Universities joined the Castleton staff, all working for the company that put on the event, Alli Sports. Alli is a massive sports promotion company with its roots in action sports, and branches growing all the way out to Mixed Martial Arts and the Ultimate Fighting Championship. With the surveys, the students had other tasks and responsibilities.

"I had to help one of [the Alli Sports] interns get the bibs signed for the sponsors," Bailey said. "We would have to hunt them down and stuff, it was like 30 athletes. I also had to find the athletes who said they'd do meet and greets."

The interactions with all the action sports fans and athletes led to the students meeting an abundance of characters roaming around Bear Mountain.

"I met this one dude who was

a locksmith," Jeremy Peyton said. "His daughter was supposed to be here competing but she tore her ACL or something. I don't remember her name though."

Did the experience lead to all the students, who had hoped to learn about Sports Marketing and perhaps get some feet through some doors, actually finding their calling?

"It worked out great for me," Bailey said. "I was there all four days since Thursday. I worked hard and I could tell my superiors were noticing and giving me more responsibilities."

Peyton also agreed that it was a good experience.

"I learned a lot of things in what it means, You're trying to get people," he said. "You really get out there and put yourself out there and put your image and put out who you're working for. All for the people and fans."

Students can gain valuable contacts from the Sports Marketing class as well. Daniel Luzzi, who graduated from Castleton in 2010 was a member of the same Sports Marketing class. Their duties of the previous year were to promote and work at the Spartan Race, an endurance competition reaching global popularity. Luzzi and a few other students were offered full-time marketing jobs upon graduation.

"It all started with the Sports Marketing class," Luzzi said.

At The Dew Tour

Killington had embraced its nickname of "The Beast of the East" proudly as, coupled with the copious amounts of advertising and Mountain Dew flags, the nickname popped up in every direction. Kelly Clark had recently set the record with a 95.75 final-run score and taken the ladies' SuperPipe Finals. Along the deck one could watch the high-flying action and when the likes of Louie Vito, J.J. Thomas, Spencer Shaw, and Mason Aguirre came flying into the 22-foot halfpipe for the men's finals, it was awe-inspiring. The riders soared 10, 15, even close to 20 feet above the deck, propelling themselves three to four stories off the ground and performing ariel acrobatics that would impress even Cirque du Soleil employees. Vito finished with the win (his second of the three-stop Dew Tour), scoring a 93.0, while Thomas came in second with 88.00, and Aguirre finished third with 86.50.

The Dew Tour didn't host the enormous crowd it had expected, but fans saw it mostly as a success.

"It was a good draw for Killington. It really brought some traffic to the mountain," skier Nick Porzuczek, 28, said. "It was well organized and fun to watch."

Porzuczek said, along with others, he would definitely attend the Dew Tour if it were to return next year.

Men's hoops 5-1 NAC start

By Kristie Dunchus
Castleton Spartan

The Men's Basketball team went into half-time with a 23-point lead, and survived a second-half run from Lyndon State College and walked away with an 85-62 North Atlantic Conference win on Saturday Jan. 29 at Glenbrook Gym.

Castleton had five players score in double figures, including three players off the bench. Jared Paul led the Spartans with 16 points and pulled down eight rebounds.

David Cochrane and Kevin Eisenberg added 12 points apiece while Mark Comstock and Kyle Bennett chipped in 10 and 11.

Castleton took the lead early just a little over a minute into the game and never surrendered it for the remainder of the contest.

The Spartans led 19-13 halfway through the first half and then scored 11 straight points, with the help from a pair of 3s from Eisenberg, pushing their lead 30-13.

The Spartans went into halftime with a 46-23 lead and shot 65 percent from the floor.

Just minutes into the second half Lyndon trailed by 21 points. A 3-pointer from Lyn-

don's Logan Calkins would fuel a run and the Hornets scored 12 straight points cutting the Spartans lead down to nine. But Castleton answered back with a 6-0 run pushing its lead back to double digits and never relinquished the lead for the remainder of the game.

Castleton has won its last four games its played and although head coach Paul Culpo was satisfied with his teams efforts he still thinks there is room to improve for the Spartans.

"I think it's the best we've played but I don't know if it's the best we can play," Culpo said.

Going into conference play the Spartans were struggling and had a 4-6 record, but now are top contenders in the conference, with a record of 5-1 and have won six out of their last seven games.

"We've made some progress. We are definitely looking better than we did two weeks ago," Culpo said.

He said the team's recent success comes from peoples' roles becoming more clearly defined and the recent lineup change he made where the Spartans two top shooters, Paul and Eisenberg, come off the bench.



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Castleton's Kyle Hall (32) goes for a putback against Lyndon.

Castleton's bench outscored the Hornets bench 47-16 and Culpo pointed out the importance of having depth on the team.

"The bench has been huge. Without them we don't win," he said.

With playoffs just around the corner, Culpo is very optimistic and confident with his team but with the end of the road still far in front of them Culpo is just taking one game at a time.

"We just got to keep fresh. Were only half-way through our conference schedule so it's a long way to go," he said.

With the win, the Spartans improve to 10-7 overall and 5-1 in conference play. Castleton will travel to Thomas and Maine-Farmington this weekend for conference action.

Sports staff Super Bowl predictions

Mike DelDotto: The game's going to feature two mobile quarterbacks with different styles. Rodgers can set his feet and hips from any position and get off a well-placed pass while Big Ben is too big and too tough to take down on your own. The Steelers defense is stronger than what the Pack have but Rodgers has the tools on offense to put up some points; and Green Bay has been unstoppable since early December. I got Green Bay 24-14.

John Shramek: If you've grown up around sports, there is one thing that you've gotten used to hearing on a regular basis; defense wins championships. I hate to say this as a Patriots fan, but the Steelers have a formidable defense, and I think that will give Aaron Rodgers and the Green Bay offense a ton of trouble as they try to gain momentum in the game. With two weeks to study Rodgers and the Packer offense, I think Pittsburgh will have plenty of time to dissect Green Bay. As long as the black and gold can effectively shut down Greg Jennings, I see them walking off the field hoisting the Lombardi for the third time in six years. I got Pittsburgh 21-17.

Shawn Medeiros: Mark this date in your calendar because this will be the day that Aaron Rodgers solidifies himself as the third best quarterback in the league behind Tom Brady and Peyton Manning. Rodgers has had a huge chip on his shoulder after not being drafted No. 1 overall in the 2005 NFL Draft and he is going to prove why that was a major mistake (Alex Smith of the 49ers went first; he's watching the game from his sofa). Rodgers will lead the Packers, along with their defense playing a strong game, to a victory over the Steelers. Wide receiver James Jones will have the game-winning touchdown. Packers 24-17.

Kristie Dunchus: I'm a Patriots fan so I really don't care for this match up but this is what I predict. I think Pittsburgh's defense is going to keep them in the game until the end. Although Roethlisberger clearly has the upper hand seeing as how he has two Superbowls already and has the experience, I think Rodgers is a better pocket passer and I just think it's his time. It's his time to shine and take over the throne from Brett Favre and give the Packers their fourth Superbowl. I got Green Bay 17-14.

Mike Slade: Both teams have impressive resumes. The sixth seeded Packers went to Philly and contained Michael Vick. The Pack then went to Atlanta to pound on the first seeded, never-lose-at-home Dirty Birds. "Duh Bears" hosted the Pack in the windy city, where the Packers surprisingly again took care of business. Pittsburgh was the host of its two games where the Steel surprisingly beat the Ravens. Being at the Pats-Jets game, and a Pats fan, it made me very happy to see the Steelers de-feet the Jets, who couldn't stop a nosebleed. Steelers have the edge in QB with Big Ben and Mendenhall out of the backfield. Packers got the edge in Wide Receivers. On defense they have better pass coverage. Also got to give the Pack a slight edge in Special Teams. I got the Cheese Heads over the Terrible Towels, 27-24.

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Drugging off-campus raises alarm

By Maria Arnot
Castleton Spartan

Two weeks ago, Castleton students received a campus-wide alert stating that a Castleton student had been drugged at a local bar.

Although the e-mail included no information regarding actual names or location, the e-mail sought to inform students about the situation.

"The student made a report to us, and we thought it was credible," said Dean of Students Dennis Proulx.

"We received it at about 4 p.m. on a Thursday and sent the e-mail out around 5 p.m. We're not naïve, and knew that Thursday night is a big night for students to go out, so we knew we had to do something." The student, albeit confidentially, has decided to share her story, as she understands the importance of helping to mitigate future incidents.

"I had two and a half drinks, and I don't remember anything after buying the third," said the student.

"I completely blacked out, and that has never happened to me before. I mean I am 22 years old and have had way more than that before."

The student said she was lucky that her boyfriend was there to help her through the situation.

"My boyfriend found me outside of the bar where you walk in, hanging over the railing. I wasn't throwing up at that point, but when he tried to get me to stand up, he realized I couldn't hold my body up by myself," she said.

She said she was conscious but unresponsive and that her arm muscles weren't working properly. After arriving home safely, she threw up from about 1 a.m. until 5 a.m.

"When I woke up I had a lot of chest pain, and my heart was racing. I didn't remember anything," she said. "I just remember thinking like, 'there is something wrong here, who still feels drunk after throwing up for five hours after only two and a half drinks?'"

After feeling nauseous for two days and not being able to hold any food down, medical attention was finally sought. Although there were no traces of any drugs found during the blood test, date rape drugs usually leave the system relatively quickly, she was told. Her heart rate and blood pressure were still very high, a side effect of being drugged.

"There is no blood test, but the doctor did write a note that said I was drugged if I wanted to take it to the police," the victim said. Although there was no official report made to the police, they have been notified and have stated that they will make a conscious effort to patrol the area more on Thursday nights.

"The reason I contacted [Proulx] is because I wanted to warn other

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Pink the Rink raises \$7k for research

By Jessica Lawrenson
Castleton Spartan

The 19 Castleton women's hockey players skated out onto the ice for their second annual Pink the Rink event with pink skate laces, stickers on helmets, pink tape on their sticks and new pink jerseys that have already been auctioned off.

When the fund-raiser was over, \$7,031 had been raised for the Rutland Regional Foley Cancer Center, specifically for breast cancer.

"That's what makes our fund-raiser unique is that we keep it local," said Bethany Torrice, head

coach of team.

Pink the Rink started last year. Torrice got the idea from her alma mater, Utica College. This year, others got involved to raise money for breast cancer research. The nursing department sold 200 pink shirts resulting in \$600 to give to the hockey team for the cause, said nursing department lab coordinator Kelley McAfee.

The department also ran booths where they sold hand-made winter goods including scarves and mittens.

There was also a raffle of two

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Cancer survivors Lynn Rose and Pat Pranger with Sparty.



(Left) Left to right: Nick Grasso (guitar), and Colin Kelly (guitar) perform. (Right) Robert Wuagneux plays his guitar.



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TOTAL BACKSTAGE ACCESS

By Megan Davis
Castleton Spartan

It was like walking into a coffee shop without the smell of coffee. The people gathered in the Fine Arts Center to play at Total Backstage Access, however, they were not your typical coffee shop acts. Replacing the usual man attempting to simply get by with just his guitar were students and professors at Castleton State College, simply jammin' out and having some fun.

"The gods of rock are descending upon Castleton tonight," said Brendan Lalor, singer of a two man band known as the Chupacabras and a professor of philosophy here at Castleton.

Total Backstage Access is a two-night event held by the Technical Service Crew of Castleton. Friday is Open Mic Night, where students and professors at Castleton get a chance to show off their musical talents. Saturday is an actual concert held with a few different bands.

"TBA gives the talent in the school a chance to play on a stage when they might not get to otherwise," said Robert Wuagneux, who hosted and performed at Friday's Open Mic Night.

The talents that could be brought onto TBA's stage weren't just mu-

sical acts either. There was acoustic music, electric music, bands with only one person, bands with several people and even a comedian.

More than simply giving people an opportunity to perform, TBA also gives people on the technical side of productions the ability to hold a concert.

"Every year we do 150 shows for other people.

Dance studios, plays, soundings events, whatever. Once a year we get to do our own show, and we make it look as awesome as possible," said Louis Riquelme, one of the heads of the tech crew

The crew put many hours of long work into making TBA happen. They spent time in between classes, evenings when they could, and they even worked tirelessly through a snow day until the wee hour of 3 a.m. Some crew members even brought some of their lighting and sound equipment from home.

TBA was well-attended for both events, and people were clearly enjoying themselves, laughing, dancing, toe-tapping and singing along to the songs they knew. The crowd was supportive, and enjoyed the overall experience of TBA.

"It's only once a year we get to do this. I think we did a great job. I love it," Riquelme said.

CSC grads witness historical protest in Egypt

By Anders Ax
Castleton Spartan

It began Jan. 25, inspired in the wake of the Tunisian revolt, as nearly 20,000 protesters went to the streets in opposition of Egyptian President Honsi Mubarak. The numbers grew, police forces clashed with protesters, cell phone and Internet services were shut down, anti-government journalists were detained and curfew was imposed, but Egyptians stood strong adamantly demanding Mubarak's immediate departure after thirty years of rule.

"Everything that happened in the last three weeks was a big surprise for everybody, never thought this was going to happen," said Hashem Setouhi, former Castleton State College student and citizen of Egypt. "I couldn't contact anybody because phones were down, cell phones were down, and Internet was down...The whole country stopped working."

But Setouhi wasn't the only former Castleton student impacted. Alberto Silva, a recent grad, was actually in Egypt when the revolt started.

"I was thrilled to hear back from him that 'everything was fine,'" said Dean Joe Mark about Silva, who is in Cairo going to graduate



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Adalberto Silva, CSC graduate, currently resides in Cairo.

school. "He was ecstatic, jubilant... His first response was essentially things were great, still. Within a couple of hours he sent me another response saying it has changed dramatically."

Police forces and protesters battled in the streets, the National Democratic Party, Mubarak's ruling party headquarters, was set on fire and Egyptian troops, for the first time since '85, moved into the streets to instill order and peace.

"There was a period of time in Cairo when the police became completely ineffective," said Mark. "The military were very present and for most of time the military and the protesters seemed to be having a pretty positive relationship."

On Jan. 29, Mubarak announced that his Cabinet had been fired, a vice president, Omar Suleiman, had

been named for the first time since '81 and that economic and political demands would be met. Shortly after, on Feb. 1, a day dubbed 'The March of Millions,' Mubarak declared he would remain in power until Sept. 1, despite protesters' demands to step down from power immediately.

"The television in Egypt was not showing anything of what was happening," said Setouhi. "They were actually denying it and telling them the opposite. People really were blindfolded there, they were hearing things that weren't going on, believing other things... It seems like they were recorded all at once, all his speeches, and he was picking one of them...It was like a war plan."

Although Silva couldn't be reached for an interview, Mark and CSC President Dave Wolk have been in touch with him.

"A lot of the citizens began to organize these local neighborhood groups, Adalberto called them militia," Mark said. "They would get out there at night together with clubs and other things trying to make sure that nobody robbed anybody."

Setouhi was also getting news from home.

"My brother was just visiting Egypt," said Setouhi. "When he

was there he went on the street with a couple people who live in the same building just to protect the building...Just waiting on the street for someone to come and attack."

On Feb. 11, 18 days after protests first began, Mubarak resigned as president leaving the country in control by the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces.

"I couldn't contact anybody because phones were down...The whole country stopped working."

-Hashem Setouhi

"I think this is a really exciting moment in Egypt's history," said Mark. "I guess I'm one of those people who doesn't think that this is going to result in quick and certain positive change."

But Setouhi said he's hopeful and feeling positive about what's happening in his homeland.

"Yesterday he said he's not leaving and just today, a few hours later, he left without saying anything," said Setouhi last week. "They shouldn't be afraid of the government, it should be the other way around... I was surprised to see how powerful people could be. This was kind of a miracle for people."



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Valentines, Shmalentines

By Courtney Bates
Castleton Spartan

Well, here we are again.

On Feb. 14 couples all over the world spoil each other with chocolates, fancy dinners and gifts just to show one another how much they are in love. All the single ladies on the other hand sit at home and are constantly reminded that they are alone this year.

There is nothing better than a holiday that celebrates the beauty of love. Valentine's Day has nothing but the best intentions. It's a day for you to remind your loved ones how much they mean to you.

And remember when you were in elementary school and you and your classmates all gave each other a cute little card? You would stay up the night before picking out the perfect card to give everyone, searching for the flirtiest card to give your crush hoping they'd get the

hint. Then you'd go to school the next day and spend the day decorating a brown paper bag so you could all drop cards and little treats in everyone's bag. The boys gave out cards with super heroes and cars on them, and the girls gave out Barbie and Disney Princess cards.

Boy, weren't those the days? Everybody always got a little something on Valentine's Day back then.

But then we all have to grow up, and that's when reality rears its ugly head. We quickly feel as though we need a special someone to be our Valentine so we can shower them with expensive gifts.

The problem with Valentine's Day is that, like most holidays, it has become extremely commercial. Its suppose to be a day filled with love and romance, but now there is far too much pressure put on people to get the perfect gift and plan a romantic dinner. And apparently, a lot of women don't want all these fancy things

on Valentine's Day. According to a recent study, 87 percent just want to hear "I love you" from their man.

If you love someone, you should show them how much you love them every single day. Don't wait for Valentine's Day to remind them how absolutely adored they are by you.

And boys, contrary to popular belief, you don't have to go all out on your favorite girl for Valentine's Day. Girls like random acts of affection much better. If you're looking for brownie points, do something nice for her on a completely unexpected day. That will get you a lot further.

So for this Valentine's Day try and keep it simple. And if you find yourself alone, depressed and stuffing your face with a pint of ice cream, just think about all the people that you love and the ones that love you in return.

Keep your cup close

By Nick Minarik
Castleton Spartan

On Jan. 27, students at Castleton State College were informed via e-mail that one of our fellow students had been drugged, "most likely" at a local bar. Past that, nothing else has really been said about the incident, leaving a lot to be wondered. Who would do that? Were there any further charges? What exactly did "most likely" mean in the e-mail?

For starters, it's safe to say that there's no defending the perpetrator of this crime. Drugging someone (by a drink or otherwise) is absolutely inexcusable, and anyone who even attempts such a thing should feel the full extent of the law.

Now that that's out of the way, there are active countermeasures that people can take against creeps like the one who did this. My question is, were these measures taken? The girl claims that she was with her boyfriend, but if that's the case, why was this able to happen in the first place? The only real opportunity for someone to drug a drink would be if it was left unattended, and if the girl had someone that she trusts with her, this scenario should never have even presented itself.

While the details on the event are scarce, it is still obvious that this happening was an atrocity, as are all issues like this. It's a relief that there wasn't also an attempted assault (as there usually is with cases of this nature), which we can all be thankful for. This fact may be attributed to the presence of the boyfriend.

It's a shame, however, that this isn't unexpected. It seems that reports of drinks being drugged can be found almost everywhere, and it's a wonder that we all haven't become more aware. Perhaps we all just think, "That would never be me," so we never actually take measures to prevent the threat. The victim has told her story in an effort to change this mindset, which might be just what the community needs to hear.

Amidst all this anonymity and vagueness, the only thing we can say about this with any certainty is that it should raise everyone's awareness. If you go out drinking, go with friends you trust. Never leave your drink anywhere, and if you do, leave it with one of your friends. There's no rule saying you can't be careful and have fun at the same time. This is a fact that the college community needs to realize, and if we can all do that, then we may never get an e-mail like this again.

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Sounding Off

Reflections on Recent Events

The Limits of Chinese Power: George Crane
Question: What makes a country powerful?

"When it comes to measuring the power of a nation, Professor Crane's three categories of environment, economy, and politics are very pertinent. They all intertwine and can essentially make or break a nation..."
-Elisa Blodgett

"...the biggest thing would be having resources, the more the better because you can sell those resources..."
-Ross Seguin

"...China is powerful right now because it is growing economically, and holds a lot of international influence in trade..."
-Thomas Seefeld

DeNovo
Question: How does the play enable us to identify with Edgar?

"...I think this play shows us how important it is to stay true to yourself so you don't get involved with gangs or bad situations that can possibly put us into an even worse situation..."
-Arianna Kinder

"...I personally cannot relate to Edgar. But I have seen shows and movies that cover the area Edgar is struggling in, and it makes me grateful that I have what I do..."
-Payton Hobbs

How to be an Effective Peacemaker: Colman McCarthy
Question: What can you do to change our country's "warmaking" policies?

"I believe that the road to a more peaceful United States begins at home and in our small communities. ... It is important to bring our children up in loving environments and spread civility throughout our communities..."
-Eli Christiana

"I do not necessarily believe that the USA is the leading country in war making, although there are a few things that I and we as a people can do to change our existing war making actions/ideas... [We] can increase our humanitarian service..."
-Zackary Mayo

Upcoming Events

"On Border Crossings, World Travelling & Shifting Identities." Phi Eta Sigma Lecture, Presented by Melinda Mills
Thursday, February 17th, 12:30 p.m.
Campus Center, 1787 Room, Ticket Required
Professor Mills examines what it means to be American, who is on the border, and the effects of border crossings.

"Creation, the Movie." Introduced by Professor Brad Coupe
Wednesday, March 2nd, 6:30 p.m.
Campus Center, 1787 Room, Ticket Required
The personal life of Charles Darwin as he attempts to complete "Origin of the Species." Professor Brad Coupe will contextualize Darwin's life.

"Open Roads, Open Minds." Presented by Steve Uzzell
Wednesday, March 9th, 7 p.m.
Glenbrook Gymnasium, Ticket Required
With the aid of his photographs, former National Geographic photographer Steve Uzzell offers an uplifting approach to creativity and problem solving.

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V-Day bug hits CSC

By Maria Arnot
Castleton Spartan

Valentine's Day is a day of ambivalence. It's a "holiday" that is either appreciated or loathed. Some couples celebrate it, others do not. Some girls count the days until its arrival, others count the hours until it's over.

With Valentine's Day falling on a Monday this February, it is a wonder what the vast number of couples at Castleton will be doing to celebrate the holiday, or if they will be celebrating it all.

"I'm thinking about making [Hannah] dinner. I have no idea what, though, getting flowers, and making a card possibly," said Castleton sophomore Trevor Kotrady. "Since I live at home, my mom will be

Other couples, like Castleton senior John Shramek and girlfriend Shannon Ellis, will not be celebrating the holiday at all.

"If anything, we will be having an anti-valentine's day celebration," said Shramek with a laugh. "We

celebrated the first year we were going out, but that's about it."

To help ease the stress of having to worry about finding a gift for their loved one, two groups on campus held fundraisers this year in hopes of making it easier for them to purchase something for their loved one.

"Somebody threw out the idea for giving out Crush bottles as sort of just a 'ha-ha- get it, crush idea.' But then we started thinking, 'Crush, yeah that's pretty funny,'" said Area Coordinator Marrison Derdarian, who is part of the Castleton Habitat for Humanity Alternative Spring Break group.

The group is raising money for its Alternative Spring Break trip. After paying for the trip, any extra cash that the club raises goes straight to Habitat for Humanity. On the first day, the group had sold 12 crush bottles alone, however, most of them were purchased as a gift from one friend to another or from co-worker to co-worker.

The Social Issues Club had a similar idea, but sold "Candy-grams" for a dollar a piece.

"This money will go to our club so we can organize future activities that create awareness about social issues on and off campus," said Castleton Junior Samantha Barrale, member of The Social Issues Club.

Regardless of their motives, both groups provided an easily accessible outlet for loved ones, friends, and even coworkers to express their affection to one another—just what Valentine's Day is for.

"I think that the basic message with events like this is to show that everybody is loved. It is not just for those who have a boyfriend or girlfriend, but any significant other, whether it be a friend or a co-worker," said Barrale.

CSC Public Safety Blotter January - February 2011

Date	Incident	Location
1/30	Vandalism	South House
1/31	Theft	North House
2/1	Medical assistance	Castleton Hall
2/1	Medical assistance	Glenbrook
2/1	Medical assistance	Babcock
2/2	Harassment / Failure to comply / Disorderly	Castleton
2/2	Drug - marijuana	Ellis Parking Lot
2/3	Dispute	Castleton
2/4	Malicious mischief	Haskell
2/5	Graffiti / vandalism	Babcock
2/6	Underage drinking	Babcock
2/6	Vandalism	Babcock
2/6	Theft	In front of Wheeler / Morrill
2/7	Theft	Observatory Lot
2/7	Harassment	Ellis
2/7	Vandalism	Wheeler and Adams
2/7	Accident	Spartan Arena
2/8	Vandalism	Morrill
2/8	Failure to comply	Glenbrook
2/9	Vandalism	Babcock
2/10	Medical assistance	Wheeler
2/10	Employee dispute	Huden
2/11	Vehicle break in	Observatory Lot
2/11	Fire alarm	Babcock
2/11	Alcohol violaton	Adams
2/12	Vandalism	Wheeler
2/12	DWI / Underage drinking	Babcock

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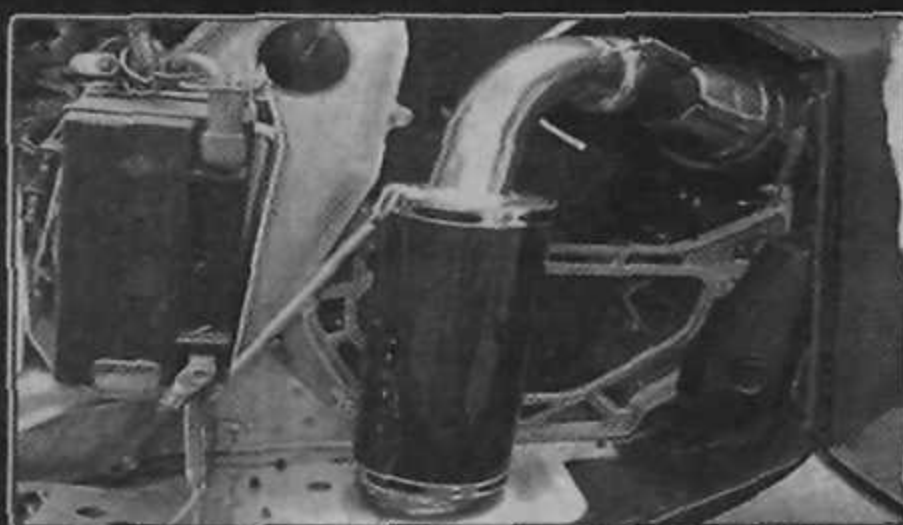
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Campus Quips



Jill Bassett

Question:

What is the last song you listened to and why?



Samantha Wilson

Sophomore

"Some Drake song because it was on the radio this morning."



Megan Fowler

"'Moment for Life' by Nicki Minaj because it's the first song that came on today."



Luke Brande

Junior

"'Let's Get Down' by Mark Morinson because he kicks ass."



Ashley Perone

Freshman

"'Booty Call' by Kesha because me and my friends like to make fun of it."



Robert Burk

Junior

"'I Just Had Sex' because my roommate just had sex for the first time and then we started playing it"

Growing up off the grid

By Wayne Thornton Jr.
Castleton Spartan

The year is 2011. Technology has become a part of our everyday lives. We take everything including our iPods, televisions, computers and even a simple light bulb for granted day in and day out. Everybody has electricity, and it's as if having power is an inalienable right.

Well for Sierra Hutt, a freshman at Castleton State College, living with constant power is a new experience.

Hutt grew up in Hartland, Vt, and she grew up living off the power grid. Hutt's house was built in 1991 in a secluded area in Hartland. Her father built the house out of old barn board when she was just a baby. When Hutt's parents asked the electric company for an estimate for hooking the house up to the grid, they were told that it would cost them \$25,000.

They just couldn't afford to pay that much, so they settled for living off the grid.

When the power goes out in today's society, people lose the ability to have fun, squirming without a computer or television to turn to. When asked what she did growing up without such luxuries, Hutt said she had a lot of animals to tend to, and that her training of a miniature horse and her dog to be therapy animals for people in hospitals really helped her pass the time. She also is a black belt in Okinawan karate. She also said that reading and writing played a big part in keeping her occupied.

Now, though, Hutt finds herself in a different situation as she lives on campus. She said that living on campus in a dorm is very different than home because here you can go and have hot water whenever you want, and just flick on the lights.

Hutt's friends say they were as surprised by the transition as Hutt was.

"I was shocked when Sierra said she grew up without electricity because I don't know anybody who grew up without

electricity," says Hutt's friend and roommate Molly Hornbeck.

When asked if growing up the way she did caused her to be bullied in school, she admitted that opening up about the way she grew up was something new for her.

"No not really," she said. "I kept the way I lived a secret."

Hutt said she never really had friends come over to her house because the driveway is 1,600 feet long and her house is small and always crazy with commotion.

"Living this way forces everyone to develop their own individual personalities," said Hutt's mother, Patience Hutt.

Hutt agreed with her mother about the benefits of growing up without electricity.

"Growing up the way I did made me who I am. It gave me appreciation for life and for other people. I wouldn't have it any other way," she said.



Sierra Hutt's childhood home which had no connection to the power grid.

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Speaker encourages interest in peace study

By Maria Arnot
Castleton Spartan

Colman McCarthy does not believe that students should be complacent, but should stand up for what they believe in.

"Don't agonize, organize."

Colman McCarthy does not believe in homework.

"I tell my students, don't spend your time on another research paper with footnotes, and research your life."

And Colman McCarthy does not believe in war.

"Because of war, our money is being squandered, and you will leave college with two things, a diploma and a pile of debt."

But what Colman McCarthy does believe in, is peace.

"He's passionate about the issue of non-violence and peace," said Candy Fox, who brought McCarthy in to speak to her class earlier Thursday.

"As a journalist I saw so much of the world's misery," he said. "I saw so much direct and indirect violence that I decided to try to be a solution driven person."

If someone had listened to McCarthy speak 20 years ago, or if they had asked him if he believed that peace could be taught or if it could be learned, they would have received a very different response than if they were to ask today.

But after living the life of a journalist for many years, especially through the '60s and '70s, he witnessed and realized many things that he knew could not just be addressed by writing.

He needed to take action.

McCarthy, who spoke at Castleton State College on Feb. 10 is an American journalist who began his career in 1969 at the Washington Post.

"My biggest accomplishment in life? Marrying a gorgeous, sparkling nurse who I have been married to for 44 years," said McCarthy, displaying a wide grin on his face.

"Ooooh, in my career you mean?"

Well, I was hired by the Washington Post right out of college. Most of the time, journalists have to start off at a small town newspaper first and work their way up ... but I didn't and this was a big accomplishment."

McCarthy has appeared in The New Yorker, The Nation, and many other prestigious magazines. He has also written multiple books, and is currently teaching seven different classes at six different schools in the Washington area.

At the Castleton Soundings event, he addressed the importance of teaching peace in schools and how in the American education system, it is generally non-existent.

"How many of you have taking a peace course or conflict resolution in school?" he asked the audience.

One or two hands slowly rose.

"How many of you have taken algebra?"

Countless hands go up.

"Now I understand that some people might like algebra ... but most people don't. And if you do, well, then that's just weird. But I guess we need weird people, it makes us diverse."

Although pretty unconventional,

there are about 70 colleges with programs in peace studies and about 250 with minors or concentrations in peace studies.

McCarthy noted that in the fall of last year he visited Middlebury College and gave a similar speech to the one he gave at Castleton. Now, there is a student-led campaign underway to get a peace program at Middlebury.

"Unless we teach our children peace, someone else will teach them violence," McCarthy said.

Meanwhile a petition, started by Castleton Senior Kevin Fleury, circulated the auditorium ushering student support for a peace studies program here at Castleton.

It appeared that through just one lecture on peace, that students have been moved to take action.

CSC seeks re-accreditation

By Alison Clark
Castleton Spartan

Do you know what accreditation is?

The question hangs in the air as a look of confusion and bewilderment clouds the face of Keri Dewitt, a junior business management student.

"I think that's when colleges work together so credits transfer. I think. I don't know."

Freshman Tori Fearon had a similar confused look.

"I don't really know, but I know that if a college isn't then it shuts down."

Accreditation, according to Academic Dean Joe Mark, is "like the Good Housekeeping seal of approval" for an institution.

"It tells students that we meet the standards and are worthy of receiving financial aid," Mark said.

This November, Castleton will be assessed by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) who will determine if Castleton will be re-accredited.

Right now faculty and administrators are working to prepare for the arrival of a team of evaluators.

Preparations include writing a self-study report, according to Mark, who is one of the many administrators involved in the process. The study will be presented to the visiting team. From the school's report and by observing the college, the team will deliver its findings in a report to NEASC, presented in a report that will decide Castleton's fate: accreditation extended or not.

The report covers 11 standards set by NEASC: Mission and Purpose, Planning and Evaluation, Organization and Governance, Academic Programs, faculty, Students, Library and other information resources, physical and technological resources, financial aid, public disclosure and integrity.

"It's an opportunity for self reflecting and improvement," Mark said.

It is also important to be as honest as possible to give the team a clear picture of what Castleton is, school officials said.

"It's important for the institution to be as transparent as possible," said Ana Alexander, a Spanish Professor at Castle-

ton, who is a co-chair for the committee charged with covering standard six, students. "We have nothing to hide and a lot to show."

Alexander isn't worried about the re-accreditation of the college saying the school doesn't need NEASC to motivate action.

"Regardless of the standards, we want to know we are doing a good job," she said. "Accreditation is a way to do that, but Castleton is already on track. There's a good vibe at the college."

Ten years ago during the college's last accreditation review, the school's debt was an area highlighted for attention.

"We've increased our debt since the last review," Mark said. "We've made a calculated choice. If we're to remain competitive, we need to improve our programs and our grounds. We have to show them that we made the right decision."

Other important projections Mark sees as possible ways to deal with the financial health of the school are increasing graduate programs and finding alternative revenue activities that can be held when students are not on campus. These are ways to increase revenue without increasing the undergraduate enrollment over the college's self-imposed limit.

Mark's hope is the drafting committees do an accurate and thorough job.

"The self-study should speak for the whole community," Mark said. "Not everyone is involved in writing it, but they should be able to pick it up, read a chapter and say 'This is Castleton, they got it right.'"

He said he also hopes students will take an interest and help fill in areas that are covered or inaccurate representations. But since the topic is so dry it's hard to get students involved.

"Usually, when you say the word accreditation, their eyes glaze over. We have to hit people over the head with it," said Mark. "Do you care if your financial aid is taken away if the college isn't accredited? Or if your resume is sent to the bottom of the pile because employers don't trust institutions that aren't accredited?"

A gala is planned for students on March 15 to inform them and display the self-study.

Movie Review: Toy Story 3

By Ashley Casey
Castleton Spartan

It's a familiar scene: getting ready to leave for college, reminiscing while going through your old things and fighting with a younger sibling who's eager to take your room. Except in most cases, your old toys probably don't come alive.

Toy Story 3 provides a healthy dose of nostalgia along with an entertaining, but predictable plotline.

All of the usual characters like Woody and Buzz Lightyear return, and they find themselves in yet another challenging predicament. They are accidentally donated to Sunnyside Day-care and need to find their way back to their owner, Andy, before he leaves for college. At Sunnyside, Woody and his friends encounter a toy dictatorship that prevents them from leaving. The toys in charge include a self-absorbed Ken doll, a creepy "Big Baby", and an evil strawberry-scented bear named Lotso, the mastermind behind the prison-like environment.

Viewers will likely recognize many of the famous voices behind the characters, including Tim Allen as Buzz and Joan Cusack as Jessie the cowgirl. Pixar



animates Toy Story 3 in the same colorful style as the previous two films, which allows the viewer to see the world from the perspective of a toy. This perspective draws viewers into the life of the toys and the children who play with them.

One can't help but feel sympathy for the toys when the Sunnyside toddlers return from recess and menacingly scour the room for something to play with, stepping on dolls and drooling on matchbox cars until they find the perfect toy to torment.

The group of toys encounter many challenges in their quest to return to Andy, ranging from humorous to slightly frightening. Overall, Toy Story 3 is worth watching for anyone who enjoyed the previous Toy Story installments, as well as fans of Disney/Pixar films.

Music Review: The Black Rose

By Megan Davis
Castleton Spartan

Blamshift's new Extended Play, "The Black Rose," is truly captivating. The voice of singer Jenny Mann has a very unique, almost edgy sound which comes as a relief in a music industry that worships people like Miley Cyrus.

It's not just Mann's voice that makes the EP so good, though. It's the way the guitar harmonizes with the bass and the beats of the drums all blending together that make the album truly addicting. You will be really hard-pressed to turn this EP off.

All of the instruments mesh with Mann's voice in five new songs, each with its own unique feel, giving the EP a very diverse sound. Another thing that adds to the diversity is the use of orchestral instruments like the violin.

Each song brings a new mood to the EP, not just with the sound, but also with the lyrics. They differ greatly from song to song. There are lyrics that talk about taking chances and persevering through hard times, desperation, and choosing between two lovers, all of which things that people can relate to.

The "Black Rose" is Blamshift's second EP, and it has a very dark, almost eerie kind of sound to it when compared to the first. However, that's just one of the qualities that makes it that much more appealing to listen to.

One of the most interesting songs on the album is *Killing Me*. The song starts off sounding like something that you would hear in a Native American drama, and with one line that's yelled by Mann, the song quickly transitions into something completely different. The sounds of plucked violin, along with violin tremolo are heard as Mann's voice rejoins the song once more, singing this time.

The guitar, bass and drums all start at what seems like the same time, but the convergence of all the instruments is so smooth you hardly realize that they weren't all playing the whole time.

The band has come a long way since they started in 2005. They've released two EP's, including "The Black Rose" and two albums. They've also toured across the country and just last year signed with Restless Management.

It seems that the band has a big and bright future ahead of it, and if its members continue to produce fantastic music such as the pieces found on "The Black Rose," then we all have good music ahead of us.



Game Review: Dead Space 2



By Nick Minarik
Castleton Spartan

It's not often that a video game played with a controller can be physically exhausting, but it seems that the crew at Visceral Games has made it their mission to bring that level of intense gameplay to consoles, and that they've succeeded. Say hello to the best survival/horror game to date.

Dead Space 2 is home to the most white-knuckle, scream-like-your-little-sister moments in this generation of gaming, and possibly ever. It's a game you have to play in small doses because, as I mentioned before, it's incredibly tiring. After only five or 10 minutes of play, you may find yourself wanting to stop for a while, let in some sunlight, and play some Disney music.

I don't want to give anything about the story away for newcomers, but protagonist Isaac Clark's wavering sanity is the driving point of the plot. As early as the opening cinematic, you'll be able to see why his sanity is in question.

The atmosphere of this game is much varied from the first. You used to be confined to the cut-and-paste, bleak corridor designs of the Ishimura; now you are on The Sprawl, an occupied space station, which keeps the lev-

els dynamic. You never know where exactly the next corner is, what's waiting around it, or whether there's anything at all. The developers did a fantastic job never giving you a sense of security.

New to the franchise is online multiplayer, which adds much-needed replay ability to an otherwise terrifying, exhausting, once-and-done experience. It's not nearly as tense as the story mode, but it still does a great job of keeping the player feeling uneasy. The game splits up the players into two teams; the humans have to complete an objective within a given time, and the Necromorphs have to effectively ruin their day. This can feel a bit unbalanced in favor of the aliens at times, but there's a great sense of accomplishment when a human team coordinates their efforts to win a round. There's not a moment in gaming more satisfying than plowing through alien opponents and being the catalyst for victory in a Dead Space objective game.

If you're looking for an extremely well-constructed scare-fest, buy Dead Space 2. If that sounds fun but you haven't played the first, buy both of them. You won't regret it, but you may end up with far more ammunition for your nightmares.

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Drugging of student raises campus alarm

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girls. I wanted to warn the campus," she said. Besides the e-mail alert, there have been multiple additional efforts made at the college level to deal with the situation.

The Peer Advocates for Change initiative organized a drug forum approximately a week later to help raise awareness and to educate students on how to lessen the chances of similar situations happening to them.

"We felt that we needed to educate the campus more to show, not only that this does happen, but that there are also ways to prevent it," said professor Linda Olson, who is the co-chair

of the CHANGE initiative. "We are also trying to make a matrix of support for these students." Although the student was not able to attend the forum, she did note that if it was not for her support system, her situation might have been much worse.

"I had a great support system. So my advice is that if you are going to go to a bar or a club, go with a group of people that you trust who won't leave you at the end of the night, because if something happens, you will want them to be with you," they said. "Because that is what saved me — good friends."

Wayne's World



Wayne Thornton Jr.

Life, school, and other terrifying things

Just another day in paradise is my usual response to the question, "hey how are you." What I mean by that is each day no matter how hard your day was, or if you didn't do as well on that test as you wanted. The point is that I cherish each day as it comes. I've learned that my life is like a crazy story book and as you finish

each chapter, you learn a little more about my life and wonder how this can be possible.

This last week has been crazy and full of high and lows. But each day was another day in paradise. Things started pretty normal, I woke up and went to class then I had a meeting with an academic counselor and talked about what I have to do to stay in school. That went very well, so my week started great. Then the rest of the week went smooth until Friday night. I went to work, and after I got done with work I was heading out the door when I heard a throaty growl and nasty barking coming from a fairly large flat-headed pit-bull. I jumped and slammed the door and I swore. I was scared. I absolutely hate pit-bulls, and this one was particularly nasty. Then on Sunday the same thing happened.

On Monday I learned a valuable lesson, and that is that I need to look after myself first before I put my neck on the line for somebody else. It was hard learning this lesson as it took me nineteen years and the loss of a good friend in order to take care of myself first. Each day goes by and we learn something new and its part of this crazy ride called life.

Like I said before, the last week had its ups and down, but each day is just another day in paradise. You may wonder why I say it's just another day in paradise. Well, the reason for that is because it is another day in paradise. To be honest, even if I did have a bad day, I wouldn't want to be any place else. I'm healthy, I'm in college, I have a wonderful family and I have a job.

Life gets rough some times, and when it does you just have to remember to think about what you have. Whatever you do, don't think about what you don't have. Just smile and say it's just another day in paradise.

"Many of the great achievements of the world were accomplished by tired and discouraged men who kept on working." —Unknown

Is it Spring Yet!?



PHOTO BY ANDERS AX/ CASTLETON SPARTAN
Ethan Bruce clears snow from the pathways.

Pink the Rink raises funds and hope

Continued from page 1... quilts, one of which was made by the library staff.

The library's quilt was originally an unfinished project of Media Center Director Karen Sanborn's aunt who died of breast cancer.

Sanborn pitched the idea to the library staff to finish the quilt and they decided to help, said Ginger Johnston who worked on the quilt along with Franny Ryan, Sandy Duling and Lauren Olewnik. These five women worked on the quilt during their lunch breaks from October until just before the game.

The group is already working on another for next year.

"Castleton is wonderful. They bring so much to the community," said Lynn Rose, a nine-year breast cancer survivor who came to the game with her friends from her support group.

The support group is run out of Foley Cancer Center and survivors say they relied on group members to help get them through their ordeal.

"The meetings can be fun," said Rose.

But they don't just sit and talk.

Rose and her group have gone snowshoeing and kayaking together.

Fellow support group member Pat Pranger, who



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All proceeds from the sale go toward aiding in the fight against cancer.

will be an 11-year survivor in May, thinks that the cancer actually helped her find a lot of nice people that she now calls friends.

Both women emphasized how important it is in life to not sweat the small stuff and to enjoy the little things. That happened just before they got giddy and giggly when they were asked to take a picture with the Spartan mascot.

"If you are going to be sick, do it decently," said Pranger as parting advice to others who may be afflicted.

For more images from the Pink the Rink hockey games and sales, visit: castletonspartan.com



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Ginger Johnston, Franny Ryan, and Lauren Olewnik stand by their handmade quilt made with Karen Sanborn and Sandy Duling.

CASTLETON CHRONICLES : A NEIGHBORLY MISTAKE

By Laela Warnecke

Castleton Spartan

The temperature was slowly creeping down as the depth of the snow steadily climbed. Pete Jones, a junior at Castleton, peeked out of his apartment window and swirled away the fog. He looked at his watch—9 p.m.

With the gradual formation of the night's winter danger taking shape before him, Pete thought it best to spend the night somewhere closer to work. He soon decided his friend Dave's house, located 10 minutes from work, would suffice. He gathered up his work gear, tied up his boot laces, and waded through the winter weather to his '95 Toyota Corolla. Spending the night at Dave's was, after all, easier, safer and uncomplicated.

Starting in the town of Poultney, Pete's trek to West Rutland was quick and painless. The Corolla glided briskly through the newly paved streets of the town and ardently approached Dave's house. Yet, to Pete's dismay, the freshly fallen snow of the steep driveway hadn't been touched by a shovel.

"I knew I had to floor it," Pete stated as he recalled the event with a screened smile and a questionable giggle.

He cranked the wheel to the right and buried the gas pedal into the floor of the car. His effort was unsuccessful. The car was lodged sideways at the bottom of the driveway and Pete spun his tires for what seemed like hours before he was able to finally jiggle his way free—Strike One.

Pete floored the car again, this time backwards, into the street. He knew he had to get some serious speed in

order to make it up the driveway, so he backed the Corolla into the neighboring driveway and, shifting simultaneously into first gear, cranked it forward once more.

"I'm going forward, going forward, shift into second and BAM! I miss Dave's driveway completely and drive right past it," Pete said, giggling once more in that contagious yet concealing manner—Strike Two.

"So I keep driving down the road, turn around," Peter said, motioning with his hands. "Then I drive down the other way, turn around again and head for Dave's driveway...again."

Pete wasn't messing around this time. His Corolla stood ready at the starting line as Pete gazed square at his target roughly 20 yards away. The gun sounded, and he was off. First gear, then second, then third.

Pete tore down the street like a crazy man, and he plunged into the driveway with more than enough speed to make it up.

But suddenly something was wrong. Someone hit the pause button and Pete's head jerked north, then south. He looked down from his window and realized he was atop an iceberg of sorts—front wheels suspended in mid air—car performing a Polaroid pop-a-wheelie—frozen like a picture in time—Strike Three—Pete's out.

"I was so confused at first," Pete recalled with furrowed eyebrows. "I'm like, 'Dave's driveway doesn't have a turn' and then I realized it wasn't Dave's driveway."

Pete had parked himself on the driveway wall of Dave's neighbors.

Pete hopped out of his Corolla intending to assess the damage. He slid down the snowdrift and looked

around. Standing before him was a father and son whose shoveling had been interrupted by one crazed driver. The father glared at Pete and put his arm in front of his son in order to protect him from this maniacal motorist.

"He probably thought I was drunk," Pete laughed out.

He apologized for his mistake, explaining to the father that his true destination was the house next door, and the man handed Pete his son's shovel and started digging at the snowdrift beneath the car. Pete followed suit and dug with all he had.

"I felt like I was on stage," Pete recalled. "It was like, ten o'clock at night, and hundreds of cars drove by staring. Like, what were these people doing out at that time?"

The onlookers were, as it would seem, the most entertaining part of the story. A woman appeared from nowhere and offered to pull the Corolla out, emasculating Pete with her huge truck, but the duo declined and shoveled on.

Fortunately the young boy served as comic relief through the whole ordeal.

"Oh, don't worry," the 7-year-old offered. "This happens all the time. There's one every winter."

When the puerile patronization grew to be too much, the father sent his son inside.

The tires finally made their way down to the pavement and Pete parked his Corolla in his original destination on his fourth try. The couch wasn't too comfy that night with Dave and his roommates poking fun at their wayward guest.

"I guess Dave's house wasn't the easiest choice that night," Pete said as he crossed his arms and smiled.

NSSE questionnaire hits freshman and senior inboxes

By Ali Flewelling

Castleton Spartan

More than 700 Castleton seniors and first-year students will soon have the opportunity to win one of three cash prizes worth \$300, \$200 and \$100. Eligible students received e-mails last Thursday encouraging them to participate in the National Survey of Student Engagement, which measures student involvement inside and outside of the classroom.

"The survey provides

valuable feedback from a student perspective regarding issues that would otherwise be difficult for faculty and staff to assess," said Colleen Klatt, special assistant to the president for Institutional Grants and Research.

Students are questioned about how they spend their free time, what their plans are after graduation and how they interact with faculty and other students.

Although the survey takes only about 15 minutes to complete, Castleton takes student input very seriously.

"It helps us understand better who our new students are and what students are like after their fourth year here," said Joe Mark, Academic Dean.

Castleton is able to contrast its results with hundreds of colleges across the country that also conduct the NSSE. Such comparisons allow CSC to celebrate its strengths and make improvements on weak areas.

Mark was most excited about Castleton's newfound opportunity to create

a "custom comparison." This option allowed the college to make a customized list of similar institutions in order to compare data. Colby-Sawyer, Saint Michaels College and Norwich University were included in the group.

Information collected from the NSSE is used to improve the undergraduate experience at Castleton.

Last year's survey results influenced Castleton's decision to increase the number of study abroad programs and international students on campus said

Mark.

"It's kind of like voting where your voice matters," said Klatt. "It's your opportunity to share your honest feedback."

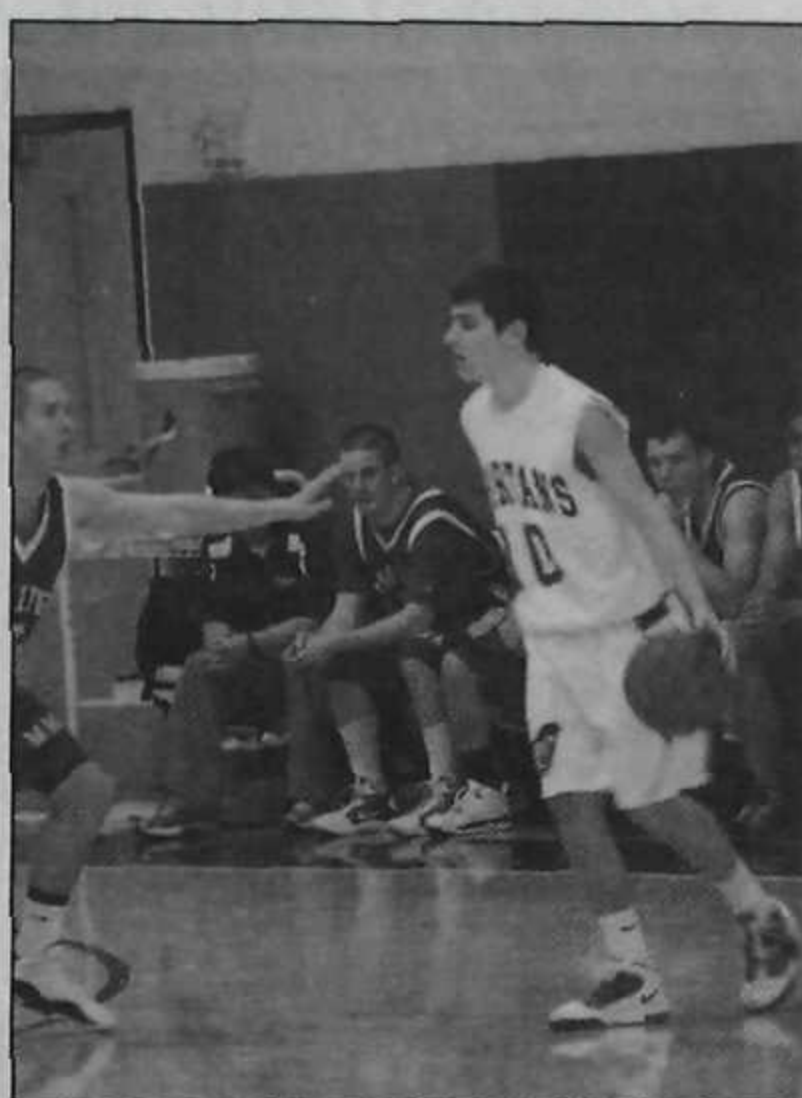
The organization that distributes the survey couldn't agree more.

"I have to give Castleton State credit for wanting to know this information," said Jillian Kinzie, NSSE Associate Director. "It would be easy for them to ignore the opportunity to collect this data, but they take student feedback very seriously."

Castleton seniors and first year students have until Apr. 15 to complete the online survey and be entered to win one of the cash prizes.

Mark hopes that students will take advantage of the opportunity to elevate their Castleton experience.

"It's a service honestly. It's a gift they give the college that helps us improve," he said. "Some changes will be realized while they are still here and for others their alma mater will be made better."



EMMA RUDNICK / CASTLETON SPARTAN
Guard Kevin Eisenberg looks to make a move (top). Guard Mike Knight sinks a foul shot (left).

Men split weekend with NAC foes

By Kristie Dunchus
Castleton Spartan

The men's basketball team fell short Saturday afternoon in Glenbrook Gym, when Husson guard Jay Uhrin canned a game-winning layup with four seconds remaining giving Husson the 63-60 win over Castleton.

It was Senior Day on Saturday and seniors Mike Knight and Patrick Winn were honored for their hard work and dedication to the men's basketball program prior to the contest.

Head Coach Paul Culp says he will miss his seniors and was also disappointed that Winn, who's been sidelined with an ACL injury, didn't get a chance to play.

"He (Winn) is the best. He was the hardest worker in

practice and led by example," Culp said. "Mike (Knight) is a gifted player and the team will miss his production."

Castleton trailed 27-17 with just under five minutes left in the first half, but the Spartans went on a 10-1 run to cut Husson's lead to 28-27 going into halftime. Castleton led 56-53 with five minutes left in regulation until Husson guard Eric Modica buried a 3-pointer to tie the contest 56-56. But Knight answered back for Castleton with a bucket just under four minutes to go to take back the lead 58-56. This was the last time the Spartans would lead.

After four made free throws, Husson led by two until sophomore Mark Comstock knotted it up 60-60 with a pair of free throws. But Husson would ultimately come out on top after the desperation layup from Uhrin.

The Spartans fell to 13-10 overall and 8-4 in confer-

ence play.

Culp was disappointed with the loss and wasn't satisfied with his team's efforts.

"Much like a good portion of our season we didn't deserve to win," he said.

Castleton was out rebounded by the eagles 47-27 and Culp says the problem his team has is that they neglect details and need to do the little things.

"We need to be able to come out of timeouts and execute our strategies," Culp said.

With the number one seed locked by Husson, the Spartans, who are tied for second with Thomas and Lyndon State, still have a chance to receive a bye in the first round of the playoffs, if Castleton can beat Lyndon Saturday Feb. 19 at 2 p.m. for its last regular season game.

Ski teams gearing up for Regionals

By Kristie Dunchus
Castleton Spartan

The women's ski team continued its dominance in the Eastern Collegiate Ski Conference Thompson Division, clinching its third-straight division championship on Saturday, Feb. 12 at Sunday River Resort in Bethel, Maine.

Seven skiers finished in the top 15 out of 72 racers. Kristin Leggett earned top honors for the Spartans placing first with a total two-time run of 2:34.75. Amee Pierson rounded off the podium placing third for Castleton with a time of 2:38.74 and Ali Spencer just missed the podium placing fourth with a time of 2:40.12.

The Spartans cruised to the top spot finishing with a total team time of 473.60, beating Tufts University by 18.42 seconds.

On the men's side, six Spartan skiers finished in the top 10, led by sophomore Steven Zotter, who finished second to lead the Spartans to victory finishing with a total two-time run of 2:30.84. Robert Burke rounded off the podium placing third with a total time of 2:30.89. Reed Drechsel, Bobby Jones, Justin Garritt and Brandon Cohen all finished in the top ten and five other skiers placed in the top 20 out of 98 racers.

Castleton's total team time was 452.74 beating out Tufts, who placed second

and Worcester Polytechnic Institute took third. With this win, the men's team clinches the division championship for the fourth consecutive year.

The Spartans were back in action the next day where both teams placed first once again.

Leggett placed first for the women and Zotter finish first as well on the men's side.

Head coach Chris Eder said the wide range of talent on his team has made it so successful.

"We have a lot of depth," Eder said.

"With the men we are pretty solid one through ten and we can always count on the guys in the back to do well."

The Spartans will compete at the regional competition next weekend and Eder is very confident both the men and the women will be successful.

"We're going into this weekend with a very good chance," he said.

The Spartans are favored to win at regionals and Eder is excited to see if both teams will meet these expectations.

"It's going to be interesting how the team handles that pressure," he said.

Castleton will head to Waterville Valley, N.H. on Saturday, Feb. 19 to compete at the regional championships where only the top five teams get a chance to compete at the national championships in Idaho.



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Sophomore Kristin Leggett leads the Spartans to victory at Sunday River.

Unsung heroes: The sixth player(s)

By Kayla Miller
Castleton Spartan

Every team has its starting five players who usually play all game, but the Castleton men's basketball team has a solid six players who are consistently performing from the bench. For the Spartans, a glance at the roster shows the youth on the team this year, but youth hasn't stopped this group.

Over the last five games, Castleton's bench has averaged 32.4 points per game, 12.8 rebounds, and 6.8 assists.

"The players that don't start bring energy and intensity to the game that the starters are not providing," Knight said.

Freshman Matt Cooney agrees.

"We have a deep team. Our starters have confidence in the bench to do their job while they are out and coach believes in us and in almost every game a new person steps up and does whatever is asked of them," said Cooney, a player who receives many minutes in each game, even though he's not a starter.

Castleton is 13-9 with an 8-3 record in the North Atlantic Conference, which puts the team in second behind Husson University.

Saturday, Feb. 12, Husson came to Castleton to defend its top spot in the NAC.

Only seconds into the first quarter, fouls were sending both teams continuously



EMMA RUDNICK / CASTLETON SPARTAN
Castleton's bench has been a force to be reckoned with, averaging 32.4 points per game in the last five games.

to the line. Unfortunately, that wasn't to Castleton's benefit. The team had a rocky start. After the second timeout, the Spartans had a different mindset returning to the game.

"We had to take a step back and regain our confidence and composure," said sophomore Kevin Eisenberg, who is another non-starter logging big minutes. "Coach just reminded us of the game plan and to execute or it was going to be a long night."

The coach sent the team back with a memory of what they're capable of. Senior Mike Knight started charging straight

through to the net, making multiple layups. With the help from his teammates, the Spartans got back into the game, finishing the first half trailing by one point, 28-27.

"Playing under Coach Culp requires players to exert tons of energy and because of that we run guys in and out of the game," Eisenberg said.

Jared Paul and Husson's Eric Modica opened the second half with a scramble under the hoop, which ended in Paul's favor. Mark Comstock went to the foul line to help bring Castleton one point closer to tying it, 30-28.

It became an up-and-down the court game. The score remained close, but Paul finally pushed it to a tie then a one point lead after making two foul shots.

With three minutes left in the game, and the score tied 58-58, Cooney and Greg Hughes fouled out and Castleton let it slip away, losing the game 63-60.

Although they left the court with a loss, the Spartans are preparing for the conference playoffs.

"We have to bring more consistent energy to every game because some games the energy is there and others it is not," Cooney said.



MEGAN DAVIS / CASTLETON SPARTAN

Junior goaltender Seth McNary covers the post in the first period against Norwich University on Friday night in front of a sellout crowd of 1,505 fans.

Cadets silence sellout crowd, Spartans

By Mike Slade
Castleton Spartan

One of the most hyped up games in recent memory featured the third-ranked ranked Castleton State Spartans hosting the fourth-ranked Norwich Cadets, according to the USCHO.com online poll. With 1,505 fist-pumping fans packed into Spartan Arena, the spectators saw little to pump about. "The Battle for Vermont" was clearly one sided and on Feb. 11 it was clear the Cadets would not lose to anyone.

Norwich won 5-2, but the game was much further out of reach for the Spartans than that. The damage started just 19 seconds into the game when Pier-Olivier Cotnoir put the puck past Spartan Goalie Seth McNary on the Cadets first shot of the game. Just a minute later Cotnoir found the back of the net again as the Spartan defense could not clear the puck out of the zone. At one point before the first pe-

riod was over, it was a 21-4 advantage in shots on net for the Cadets.

"They just out-skated us, but we have to move on and grow from this," said Castleton coach Alex Todd, whose Spartans beat the Cadets 3-2 in overtime earlier this season.

The first 20 minutes couldn't come to an end quickly enough as Norwich's Greg Eskedjian crushed the hearts of Spartan fans by scoring in the last second of the first period.

McNary was pulled from the game after the first period, giving way to Erick Cinotti. Cinotti's numbers are better than McNary's on the season, but McNary was in goal when Castleton beat Norwich earlier in the year. The Cadets side of the ice was barely touched as they made it 4-0 just five minutes into the second period, on a 3-on-2 odd-man rush, where Norwich's Chad Anderson was left alone and deked Cinotti right out of his net.

Though the Spartans were in their defensive zone most of the night,

Castleton's Chris Weiland, a mid-season transfer from SUNY Plattsburgh, found himself a rebound in front of the Norwich net and put it home to make it 4-1.

Castleton took the momentum and scored on a Dru Douglas slap shot from the point on the power play to make it 4-2. With Cinotti pulled for the extra attacker, Cotnoir finished his night off with a hat trick with an empty net goal from his own blue line as he was diving through the air.

On Saturday, Feb. 12, the Spartans had their senior night and senior captain Stuart Stefan earned himself his own hat trick, as the Spartans squeaked by Saint Michael's College 6-4. Defenseman Jonathan Lafrance was the other senior who played his last home, regular-season game. Cinotti got his 10th win of the season. The Spartans improve to a program-record 19-3-1 overall but fall to second in the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference East standings 13-3-1.



MEGAN DAVIS / CASTLETON SPARTAN

Sparty pumps up the crowd before the game.

Castleton uses super Powers over Husson

By Mike DelDotto
Castleton Spartan

It was Senior Day for the Castleton women's basketball team, but junior Vanessa Powers stole the show dropping in 34 points going 16-of-17 (7-of-7 in the second half) from the field while grabbing 10 rebounds to lead the Spartans past visiting North Atlantic Conference rival Husson University 85-62 on Saturday Feb. 12 at Glenbrook Gymnasium.

"We haven't beat Husson since the last time we won the NAC (in 2009)," Powers said. "It was good to prove to them that we are better."

Since the 09 championship, the Spartans have lost four-straight times to the Eagles, most recently earlier this season on Jan 21, 87-57.

Seniors Kristie Dunchus and Megan Johnson were honored before tip-off for their years spent with the Castleton basketball program Coupled with Senior Day was the Women's Basketball Coaches' Association "Pink-Zone" game in which more than 1,800 teams across all divisions of college and high school wear pink and take donations for breast cancer awareness.

The Spartans donned pink headbands, socks, and warmup tees, and the referees sported flashy, pink whistles.

Castleton came out ready to play and so did Husson as the two teams battled early in the first half.

After a Dunchus turnaround lay in and a big 3 pointer from Christine Jaques, the score was knotted at 7-7.

Jaques finished with 15 points, while freshman Alyssa Leonard had 14.

Husson used a press that had the Castleton breakout rattled, but



EMMA RUDNICK / CASTLETON SPARTAN

Castleton guard Christine Jaques brings the ball into the Maine Maritime zone on Friday.

the Spartans made the adjustment of a player flying the zone after an Eagle shot attempt and hit the usually streaking Powers for an open lane to the rack.

Castleton used this play to cap a 10-3 run when Powers pulled up and hit the jumper with about eight minutes remaining in the first period.

Husson eventually abandoned the press because the Castleton long breakout pass was just too much to stifle and the Eagles went into halftime down 36-24.

By then Powers had already scored 14 points and snagged eight boards.

"Vanessa had a monster game for us," Castleton coach Tim Barrett said. "She had good preparation."

Powers opened the scoring in the second half with a jumper

from Johnson, and went on to have the first 15 points of the second half before finally taking a breath. Johnson finished with only four points but was second on the team with eight rebounds.

Husson returned to its press and again Castleton took the arial route, but the Spartans also adopted a quick, "keep-away" style ball movement up the floor for when the Eagles were able to cover the long pass that worked so well in the first half.

Castleton made its best effort to pull away but the conference perennial, Husson would not go away easy and the Spartans had to hit most of their shots down the stretch to stay significantly ahead.

The Spartans did.

"We had an advantage inside," Barrett said. "And what was different today, we got the ball

inside, and we finished. We did a good job as a team."

Castleton won the assist column 28-10.

The Spartans capped a late run with a layup from Dunchus that drew a timeout from the Husson coach with 9:37 remaining and Castleton was able to cruise from there behind five more points from Powers. Dunchus finished with eight points.

On Friday Feb. 11 Castleton downed NAC foe, Maine Maritime Academy 76-60 at Glenbrook Gymnasium.

Powers led all scorers with 20 points, while Leonard had 16 and Jaques 11.

Castleton travels to Lyndon State on Saturday, Feb. 19 to take on the Hornets for its final North Atlantic Conference game at 4 p.m.

Spartans drop two over weekend

By Shawn Medeiros
Castleton Spartan

An 0-2 weekend against Southern Maine and Plymouth State was not exactly what the Castleton women's ice hockey team had envisioned.

On Friday night, the Spartans dropped a 2-0 decision to Southern Maine and followed up that performance on Saturday afternoon with an identical score to Plymouth.

"I would say that we worked hard in the game against USM, but did not get as many offensive opportunities as we should have," Castleton coach Bethany Torrice said. "USM was more hungry for a win and played us tough."

Torrice said that the team's inability to score goals is what led to Castleton's demise against Plymouth.

"USM was more disciplined and hardworking than we were," Torrice said. "Plymouth took advantage of their opportunities and we could not catch a break against them."

The Spartans fall to 5-15-2 overall and 3-12-1 in the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference.

Castleton hosts the University of Massachusetts-Boston on Friday at 7 p.m. at Spartan Arena.

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Students 'Canstruct' sculptures for the hungry

By Kat Eichler
Spartan Contributor

When the word "sculpture" comes to mind, many might imagine Michelangelo's famous "David" or "The Thinker," by Auguste Rodin. Some probably also think of the most common medium, clay, because popular sculptures rarely sway from using alternative material to create elaborate sculptures and even fewer impact society on a community level.

Until recently,

Since 1992, an organization called "Canstruction" has been challenging businesses, architects, and even students to design and construct large sculptures from canned goods. From building football stadiums to telephones, groups put their creativity to the test making large, elaborate three-dimensional models from nothing but cans and nonperishable food items.

Since its beginnings, Canstruction has donated more than 15

million pounds of food with its alternative can drive. The Canstruction competitions are usually held in big cities, with New York City hosting the first. But women and gender studies Professor Melinda Mills had the bright idea to bring this big challenge to our small state.

"I went on a visit to New York City and stumbled upon an ad describing Canstruction. I had to check it out," said Mills. "When seeing it up close, I thought it was such a neat idea."

Mills decided she wanted to bring the same challenge to Castleton and her classes. Each class is divided into about four to five teams. Each group focuses on acquiring cans for one specific part of a certain design.

Mills' student, Chelsea Rudenis, revealed that her group was in charge of constructing a tail.

"I was in NHS in high school and we did a lot of food baskets for our town. This is something different. It's going to be

kind of cool to see how this turns out," Rudenis said.

Mills believes the project will have numerous positive impacts.

"It's affecting real people and it's nice to share the lesson with your students that it's important to help out when you can," said Mills excitedly.

Mills has partnered with five different food pantries in the Castleton area including the Castleton Food Shelf.

Lois Ladd, director of



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Sauce and bean cans make a "C"



JOHN SHRAMEK/ CASTLETON SPARTAN

President Dave Wolk and ex-coach Alercio in happier days before the violation of an NCAA rule.

Alercio resigns, uncertainty remains

By John Shramek
Castleton Spartan

In March 2008, his arrival brought joy, anticipation and excitement. Now, just three years later, his departure leaves sadness, shock and disbelief.

On March 1 the college announced that Rich Alercio had resigned as head coach of the Castleton State College football team due to a violation of NCAA rules. He resigned at the request of a college committee including President Dave Wolk and Athletic Director Deanna Tyson.

Alercio allegedly arranged a meeting between an unnamed player on the team and a part-time employee of the college. The

meeting resulted in the co-signing of three separate loans over a two-year period, something that the NCAA describes as an "extra benefit." The loans totaled close to \$22,000.

"It's been a dreadful week for me," Alercio said. "It's been devastating to me, for my family, and it looked like it was devastating for the players. It was difficult to explain to my players, to my young children and to my wife. It really hurts right now because this was my dream job. I worked for around 20 years to get this opportunity."

Alercio said that one of the most disappointing things was the way the college decided to resolve the situation.

"I admit that a violation occurred, but I just wish the college would have supported me more than it did based on the two years' worth of positive things I did with the program and in the community. Based on everything I had done for the college and the community, I really expected that they would stand by me in this, but obviously they did not," he said.

Alercio, a resident of Rutland, said one positive thing from the ordeal has been the support he has received from the community that he tried so hard to help.

"The support has been really overwhelming for me, he said. "It has made this week even more emotional. It really has been an

emotional rollercoaster for me and for my family."

But the community seems to be torn with many praising the college for its handling of the situation.

"I don't know what's going on in Rutland as far as how they feel about it," Tyson said. "I can say I was surprised today about [the amount of support the college has received]. I probably got about 10 phone calls in support of what we did and that we made the right decision."

But as far as players are concerned, they're behind their former coach, according to co-captain Adam Chicoine.

"He probably had one of the highest football IQ's

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Klatt and players ready to move on

By John Shramek
Castleton Spartan

There's a dark cloud hanging over football program at Castleton State College after the March 1 announcement that coach Rich Alercio had been asked to step down.

But there is hope nonetheless for the team's future as defensive coordinator Marc Klatt becomes head coach and the players band together in an effort to continue the forward progress of the team.

"As a team, we were saddened by the loss of Coach Alercio. We know that we are in good hands with Coach Klatt though, and are fortunate to have him on staff," co-captain Phil Hall said. "We understand that moments of adversity such as this are only opportunities to become stronger individuals and a stronger team."

According to Klatt, this past week has been full of ups and downs.

"The meeting on March 1 was filled with a variety of emotion," Klatt said. "What we recognized is with the announcement

there was going to be a process with everyone involved of going through those emotions. So our advice, our guidance to everybody involved with our program, was to allow yourself 48 hours to deal with it and go through it. [We wanted to] parallel it to a loss of something, whether it may be a loved one or something else."

Klatt said that while he realized the entire football program needed time register the loss of Alercio, he also realizes that he doesn't have that luxury stepping into his new role.

"I don't want our players to take this as a callous statement, but I don't have the luxury to continue to dwell on this," Klatt said. "The duty and responsibility to move us back forward again and capturing the momentum and all the very good things that have been done here in the first three years of our existence is the key."

Adam Chicoine, a co-captain of the team, said the 48-hour period was beneficial for him and the team.

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Pub Night returns with an overflowing crowd

After nearly two years, a beloved Castleton pastime returns to Huden

By Wyatt Aloisio
Castleton Spartan

Thursday nights in Huden Dining Hall's Spartan Room were once the place to be for the weekly Pub Night events featuring great music, free pizza and cold drinks. The turnout of both students and faculty often had the room overflowing with people.

But almost as quickly as the event started, it abruptly stopped and the room went quiet once more.

Now, after almost a two-year hiatus, Castleton Pub Night is making a triumphant comeback to its community and in stronger form than ever. Feb. 15 marked the official return of the event to campus. With more than 60 people in attendance, the night was filled with several live acts from

student and faculty performers.

Many of the performers, including freshman Rebecca Scelza, saw the flyers around campus and were eager to come.

"It's harder for me to perform with smaller groups," said Scelza, who sang several Taylor Swift covers on her acoustic guitar. "Events like this are a good way for students like me to get people to hear their music and have support from their friends."

And according to Professor Phil Lamy, whose Community in American Society class started Pub Night, it's people like Scelza who need to be recognized by administration.

"The school spends money to bring in musicians and comedians for live events. But why? We have great



PHOTO BY WYATT ALOISIO/ CASTLETON SPARTAN

Wyatt Andrews perform an infamous rap hip-hop segment.

performers in the student body that more people will show up to see," he said.

Although Lamy's class started Pub Night, it has since then fallen into the hands of several student managers to lead and coordinate.

Senior Wyatt Andrews,

who has been the most active member of managing the weekly event since his sophomore year, says that now is a very important time for the event and he explained its absence.

"When I left to go to Peru for a year, my biggest regret was not leaving proper

management behind to keep it going," said Andrews, who added that a lack of funding has also hurt what once was a weekly event. "We had successful nights that paid for themselves. People showed up regularly without having to see ads."

Pub Night is now be-

ing managed by more than a dozen people in Lamy's Community in American Society Class for this semester and is receiving support from the newly established Third Place Group, an umbrella organization of the Center for the Support and Study of Community in charge of such things as the Bike Shed and the Brough Pond Park project on campus.

Despite lack of funding, those in charge remain optimistic about its necessity to the campus and remain true to the original goals and ambitions behind the event to eventually have a full-time pub on campus.

"It's something that should be there every day all of the time," Andrews said firmly. "It's not just about the music or beer. It's about having a place where people can really go to hang out and be welcome on campus."



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Sparty, wearing a pink jersey, shows his support for Pink the Rink with fans.

Kudos to Pink in the Rink

By Nick Minarik
Castleton Spartan

The most important thing the women's hockey team has done for the past two years is to raise money and awareness for breast cancer research. They started what will most likely become an annual tradition last year with the first Pink the Rink event, which helped raise more than \$6,000 to fight breast cancer.

It's clear that this event is increasing in popularity and effectiveness. This year, it raised more than \$7,000 for the cause.

Not only is the increased monetary income a testament to the success of this event, but so is the increased support from the college community. Last year, most of the funding came from Rutland Regional Medical Center, which sponsored the advertisements around the community.

This year, the nursing department at Castleton made 200 pink shirts to sell in support of the cause, which pulled in \$600 to help the women's hockey team. They also ran booths at the event where they sold hand-made winter goods including mittens and scarves.

Not only did the nursing staff pitch in, but the library staff also lent a helping hand. They used their own lunch breaks to finish a

quilt that had been started by Karen Sanborn's aunt, who died of breast cancer. They worked tirelessly right down to the wire, until the quilt was auctioned off at the game. They're already working on another for next year.

This year was a promising follow-up to the fantastic initial idea. The increased involvement by the community leads to many interesting possibilities for future Pink the Rink events. Perhaps next year the student body could get even more involved in partnership with the nursing department and library staff, independently or otherwise.

If the event raised \$6,000 the first year with little help from the extended college community and more than \$7,000 the next year with more help from the nursing department and library staff, think how much more could be raised with help from the student body. So far it's a metaphorical untapped resource, brimming with potential.

In the time before next year's event, think of the ways you can help reach that potential. Get involved, talk to the library staff and anyone you know who was involved this year to try to find ways to further the cause. The students may be the most powerful part of this college and it's always a good time to use that power to advance society.

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Reflections on Recent Events

"Creation, the Movie," Introduced by Brad Coupe

"The movie depicts Darwin as a man who goes insane. I believe this humanizes him. In all my studies I have learned nothing about all of the personal tragedies that Darwin was going through. Showing how his personal life made him sad, and depressed, and insane made him seem more human rather than depicting him as this indestructible man who just experiments and is a brilliant scientist."

-Shay Mattison

"I believe the movie successfully humanized Charles Darwin. I don't think the point of the movie was to retell history. It was rather to put a human face to his name..."

-Cody Ball

"The movie shows Charles Darwin as a human being who is nervous, which was true. But it also shows him as being crazy, which was not true. This movie was semi-successful at humanizing Darwin..."

-Spencer Munford

Upcoming Events

"Open Roads, Open Minds": Steve Uzzell
Wednesday, March 9th, 7:00 p.m.

Glenbrook Gymnasium,
Ticket Required

With the aid of his photographs, former National Geographic photographer Steve Uzzell, offers an uplifting approach to creativity and problem solving.

"Evolutionary Psychology & Creationism:" Phi Eta Sigma lecture, Presented by John Klein

Thursday, March 10th, 12:30 p.m.

Campus Center, 1787 Room,
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Mike DelDotto

What Gov. Scott Walker of Wisconsin is doing is illegal. Period. I'd say "unconstitutional" but that word gets tossed around more than the baseballs in Arizona and Florida in March.

No jokes this time. I'm kind of bullshit. The Supreme Court recently backed those freaks of the Westboro Baptist Church in its case of First Amendment right to protest the funerals of fallen American soldiers. You've seen them. They picket the funerals of young men and women who have died for the Constitution with classy signs like: "Thank god for dead soldiers," "God sent the killer" (whatever that means), and other witty wacko-isms like, "Thank God of 9/11." I thank God for a lot of things, but that ain't one. Actually the Westboro idiots started their great organization in hopes to remove gays from the military.

Shame on you, Supreme Court. Shame, shame, shame on you. You voted 8-1 to allow the Westboro wackos to continue their protests. I get it. Even if it's unpleasant, it's still free speech. Chief Justice John Roberts said that the Sup. Court had a very tough decision to make and spent a lot of time on it, according to the Associated Press. You're right, 8-1 is a tough vote, bro.

Have you ever seen "Grandma's Boy?" Remember where the protagonist, Alex, worked? That's government. They just hang out all day until it's time to go home. I think they could have spent some more time making their decision, is what I mean. Westboro has the right to free speech and assembly, but we also use censorship in "free" America because some things are just uncomfortable. You have the right to free speech, but you can't yell "fire!" in a movie theater. You have the right to protest a war in ghastly fashion, but I personally don't believe you can tell some mother that her 19-year-old son, who died for his country, that he deserved it because God hates him...all while at his funeral.

Oh hey, there's a governor in Wisconsin abolishing labor unions. Did you know this John Roberts? Probably not, you idiot. Unions became important during the Robber Baron era in the late 19th century. Workers were paid as the Barons felt would make themselves enough money and working conditions were deadly. People got tired of this, and demanded proper wages, proper working conditions (those of which finally became reasonable some 40 years later), and pension for jobs that require early retirement.

Gov. Walker is using the majority GOP vote in Wisconsin to pass this bill in blitzkrieg fashion without a citizen vote. Not illegal. Unethical? Yes. Scumbag-y? You know it. Illegal part? Abolishing labor unions. No can do, Scottie. Sure, unions can become corrupt but if there's a scale of corruption its Government on top, followed by larger police departments, followed by the NFL, and maybe way down the road...unions. WWI destroyed the German economy with the losses of life and sanctions and what not. This dude Hitler started bringing everyone together to save the country he loves like any good politician. I think one of his first "solutions" was abolishing unions.

Yeah, you guessed it; I'm the son of a civil servant, a firefighter. I'm a little biased. Taxes pay his salary and ultimately his pension. In a poor economy, some people don't believe that they should pay for pensions or higher taxes. That's how this bill has support. People just don't understand. Here's some help with a firefighter as an example.

"Why do I have to pay for his Pension?" My father pays into his own pension with the money he makes. The taxpayers don't directly pay into it.

"Why does he get a pension?" He chose a career of saving lives at the drop of a hat, spatula, TV remote, pillow at 3 A.M. etc. Instead of retiring at 65, a career like this forces you out around 55, because he'll be dead from smoke inhalation at 65.

Supreme Court. Walker. Illegal. Look into it, instead of allowing crazy people to harass mothers of dead soldiers. Need help, douche bags?

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Body art reveals deep stories

By Liz Reighley
Spartan Contributor

The sun was hot that morning beating down on the glistening white beach. The cold sting of waves crashed against his half-wrapped arm as he slowly came around.

To his surprise, on his arm crusted with sand and sea water, was a fresh tattoo that read: "With all pain hope heals."

In his pocket was a receipt for a payment of \$400 to Satan's Tattoo Shop. The first thought for Castleton State College student Mike McIsaac was, "Oh, I finally did it."

Though he had long planned to get a special tattoo in memory of his aunt

Bonnie, he had not expected it to happen under such circumstances or without any memory of it happening.

Not all students on campus with tattoos have such a wild story behind their body art, but all interviewed agree that a tattoo is not worth having unless it is very meaningful. Each student asked to bare their art and talk about their story stressed how important it was to not only wait to find the right inspiration for a tattoo, but also choose the right design to represent what it means to them.

Freshman Meaghan Heuer pulled up her shirt to reveal her ink and said it was a relief finally going through with getting her



Clockwise from left: Meaghan Heuer displays her religious tattoo while Justin Hofmeister shows his tattoo in remembrance of his aunt.

first tattoo. She said that her choice to get a cross, entwined with rosary beads and a heart, represented her family's dedication to religion. Then, to add her own personal touch, the initials of her father, mother, and older brother were engraved inside the heart.

For Heuer, it was a sign of independence, while honoring her family at the same time so she could always feel connected to them.

The more tattoos uncovered on campus, the more prevalent the theme of remembering family became.

Justin Hofmeister, a junior, showed off the black spider perched on his shoulder blade.

"My aunt Mary was re-

ally cool to me growing up. She was a biker chick covered in tats, even gave me my first beer. She passed away as a result of a spider bite and ironically her favorite tattoo was a black widow, so I wanted to do this as a memorial for her," he said.

Are there any more tattoos in his future?

Hofmeister said it will be for his uncle, who inspired him to go into law enforcement and always told him "what doesn't kill you makes you stronger." Hofmeister offered some advice for those on the fence about getting a tattoo.

"Make sure it is memorable. Don't do something stupid."

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2/14	Vehicle Damage	South Street Lot
2/15	Vandalism	Castleton Hall
2/15	Attempted Theft	Campus Center
2/16	Assault / Disorderly / Underage Drinking	Castleton Hall
2/17	Disorderly / Improper Acts / Vandalism	Glenbrook
2/18	Medical Emergency / Alcohol	Haskell Hall
2/18	Fight / NAT / Alcohol	Haskell Hall
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Castleton bids farewell to Allen

By Megan Harris
Castleton Spartan

Following Bill Allen's appointment as vice president for enrollment management at North Carolina Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount, N.C., Castleton State College's longtime dean of administration is leaving the Northeast.

Originally from the south, it is only fitting that after 11 years of harsh winters he might consider moving closer to his warmer roots.

"My wife was born in Mississippi and grew up in Virginia. I, too, lived in Virginia. We always thought we'd go back," he said when asked about the change. "It's hard, and I'm sorry to not be involved with all of the great changes here on Castleton's campus, but it's time."

Allen's work on the campus has proven tremendous. Of all the accomplishments, choosing one that trumps all else proved a challenge.

"For me," says Allen, "just helping to grow enrollment here, as well as stabilizing the financial aspects of the community. I am at very least leaving satisfied with the stable state of things."

Colleague Sue Gernhardt, who shares an office with Allen, said it's tough to see him leave.

"Of course, I wish he was just staying. He's done a great deal for the campus and it's sad to see him go," she said.

Without seeming too sentimental, Allen named the people at CSC as what he'll

miss most.

"These are good people with a great community spirit. I've been very close with some of my colleagues, the students and staff and that's always hard to leave. But, the community I am entering into has very much the same forward moving spirit and I am excited for that," he said.

As for who will replace Allen, it is so far undecided. Although he has offered his support in the form of guidance, he has taken no part in the underlying decision.

"It's really a decision to be made by the people who will continue this community, however, whoever gains the position should know that I am still available for any sort of guidance necessary," he said.

In an e-mail confirming this news, CSC President Dave Wolk spoke highly of Allen.

"He has been a good boss, colleague, and friend. His advice to me has been invaluable and I will miss him very much," he wrote in the e-mail.

With his list of contributions and achievements, it's hard to say who won't miss his active role in this community.

Although North Carolina offers less snow and a longer camping season, Allen marks his leaving with a tinge of sadness.

"It's bittersweet. There is a lot to miss by not being here at CSC, but also a lot of excitement in starting somewhere new. With a new president there and a new development committee, there is a lot of potential and renewed mentality of growth," he said.

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Question:

What do you see yourself doing in 10 years and where will you be?



Mike Uhler

Freshman

"With a bachelors degree in political science attending school somewhere in Boston for law."



Robynn Stanley

Junior

"On a beach in Greece."



Julie Banach

Junior

"In California doing TV shows."



Amanda Larose

Sophomore

"In Vermont still working as a speech language pathologist."



Richard Surmanek

Senior

"I hope to be in Australia or somewhere abroad teaching English."

Courtesy goes up in smoke

By Ryan Cave
& Kealy Chipman
Spartan Contributors

We've all been there. The professor lets you out of class five minutes early. You run through the Leavenworth Hall double doors, take a deep breath of some crisp Vermont air – and you're stunned. Instead of a tasty inhale of some of the freshest stuff on the east coast, you get a mouthful of drifting left-overs from the girl puffin' away on a cig, chirping to her mother on the phone about what she had for lunch.

Smoking, with all its known health risks, is still lurking in the winds around college campuses throughout the country.

A University of Rhode Island study states that 28.5 percent of college students in America are cigarette smokers.

With the number of smokers here on campus, the rules about where you can or cannot smoke become very interesting.

The rules state that you have to be 10 feet from any building and there is to be no smoking on the balconies of Morrill and Wheeler houses. But have you been over there? A young child could be lost in the pool of cigarette butts piling up underneath the balconies.

"I usually always smoke on my way to and from class. It's my class routine" Brian Dagle, a CSC freshman, said while smoking a Camel Light outside of Babcock. "I've



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Junior Rob Stover smokes a cigarette outside Leavenworth.

never noticed someone walking through a cloud of my smoke, but I'm sure it happens."

Non-smokers say most smokers on campus don't even seem to care that their leftover smoke is being sucked in by others around them.

But all smokers aren't that rude to their peers.

"When I smoke I always make sure there isn't someone behind me" said sophomore Julia Ryan. "It makes me so mad when I see students smoking on the way to class and they hit people behind them

with their smoke. It's rude."

But it's not only students smoking. Faculty and staff are seen outside of buildings and walking here and there with cigarettes in their hands as well. Physical Plant workers are keenly aware of the amount of smoking going on because they are the ones picking up the butts.

"We pick up cigarette butts every day of the school year" said Physical Plant worker Susan Joseph. "There are many people on this campus that smoke and it has increased since last year."

Physical Plant has put more cigarette collectors around campus near the dorms and other buildings, but they say people continuously throw butts on the ground, which must frustrates them.

"I could be fixing things in the dorm rooms or somewhere else on campus that could be helping someone do work or not have troubles with things but instead I'm outside picking up cigarette butts everyday," Joseph said.

Playin' in the park

By Leah Ryan
Castleton Spartan

As he climbs up the ramp, clad in paint-splattered snow pants, stickered GNU snowboard in hand, Castleton State College senior Ryan Burke smiles down to onlookers below.

"I'm gonna 180 the stairs," he said proudly.

At this he launches himself down the ramp and hits the down rail and the sound of metal scraping against metal fills the air.

It is a cold Thursday night in February and while most students are inside enjoying the warmth of their

dorm rooms, the adrenaline junkies of Castleton are outside, making good use of the rail park behind Ellis and Wheeler halls.

"It is a good alternative for when I have classes all day and don't have time to go to the mountain," Burke said.

It's not just snowboarders who frequent the rail park, however.

On this night, there was also a skier on the scene. Not to be outdone by the riders, sophomore Michael Graber showed off his skills as he skates down the ramp and launches himself onto the down rail and smoothly

glided down it.

"Don't worry," Graber said, with a smirk. "I'm just warming up."

At this he smiles, pulls his fluorescent orange hat over his head and runs back up the ramp.

"This time I'm gonna hit a three."

Bill Allen, dean of administration at Castleton and the man in charge of getting the rail park set up, said he is very pleased to hear that the rail park is getting so much use.

"As long as they stay safe, I am glad we were able to set it up," Allen said.

Photos by Emma Rudnick



everyday with my students," she said.

She urges anyone with questions about Fulbright to talk to her either in person or through her Castleton e-mail.

But Arabi is not the only one at Castleton who has Fulbright experience. Duling went to Finland and Dean Renny Harrigan went to Germany after she graduated college.

Harrigan went because she had no idea what she wanted to do, was a European History major and wanted to learn the language. While there, she worked in a high school where she learned the culture differences.

Harrigan suggests that those who apply need to be independent because of the language barrier and also to be someone who wants to work with young people. She recommends it to anyone who has a sense of adventure and wants to expand their horizons.

She also said if Fulbright doesn't sound just right, those looking to learn abroad have other options on to the schools study abroad Web site (www.castleton.edu/travel).

Harrigan said she loved her experience, evidenced by the fact that after she retires this year she plans to teach English as a second language in Mexico and Peru and possibly Vietnam.

"The known doesn't interest me as much as the unknown as long as I'm healthy," Harrigan said.

To learn more about the Fulbright Program, contact Duling at sandy.duling@castleton.edu.

Fulbright program takes students around the world

By Jessica Lawrenson
Castleton Spartan

Imagine yourself in another country for a whole year. You don't know anyone and you might not even know the native language, but you're given a grant to teach people your language.

The Fulbright program gives you this opportunity. It offers grants to become a teaching assistant in more than 60 countries, according to Castleton State Librarian Sandy Duling.

Fulbright is a prestigious program that looks good on any resume, Duling said, and you don't need to be an education major. Because of the way the application and selection process is set up, Duling urges interested juniors to start working on the application now.

Rasha Arabi, a Syria native who teaches Arabic at CSC, is here because of the Fulbright program and said that it took almost a year for the application process. Arabi is here until July, when her one year program ends.

She said her experience has been life-changing and eye-opening.

"It might be just the Vermont culture, but it is certainly more quiet here," said Arabi looking out her window into the nearly empty Leavenworth lot and comparing Vermont to Syria.

Arabi came here because she loves to travel and wanted to go to another country and be in a different culture.

Despite being grounded in Castleton because she doesn't have a car, she said she still loves it.

"I feel the small college with a big heart

Game Review: Your Shape: Fitness Evolved

By Nick Minarik
Castleton Spartan

Last review I talked about a game that is physically exhausting and played with a controller. This time, I'm talking about a game that is physically exhausting and played with your body. "Your Shape: Fitness Evolved" is the current front runner in the Kinect-based fitness games, and it's easy to see why.

The game starts off very stylishly, showcasing its modern menus and nifty features, such as a real image of yourself being your on-screen representation. The entire atmosphere of the game is very mellow and I feel like the designers drew a lot of inspiration from the visual themes of Mirror's Edge; everything is very shiny and clean. The screen is pleasant to look at, which is critical to a game like this.

The core concepts are basic enough; match the motions of the trainer on the screen to complete the given series of exercises in cardio, toning, or the particularly interesting Zen mode. Each one has unique exercises designed to get your heart pumping, tone your muscles, or calm you down, respectively. The activities are well-

suited to their desired effect and you can definitely feel the burn after a series of personalized training exercises.

Aside from the main workouts, there are mini games you can play with friends. These include a silly Simon Says type game, a hula-hoop workout, a balance game and my personal favorite - block breaker, which has you punching light-up blocks to achieve a high score. There isn't much variety and once you unlock all the difficulties they can grow old, but I hear there is a lot of planned DLC upcoming for this game—three batches of which have already been released, which may provide more longevity.

While on the topic of grievances, some of the criteria you must meet to qualify as successfully completing a move is arbitrary. In one case I had to do quick dodges and a squat in between and the game was telling me my feet weren't wide enough. By the end, my stance was absurdly wide, taking up almost the entire play space box, and it still told me my stance was too narrow. I almost fell over after the last dodge, right before the woman told me to "Widen your stance next time!"

Aside from that, some minor



registration issues are going to be your only setback. The good thing is, even if for some reason the game doesn't pick up what you're doing and you're completing the move correctly, you're still getting a good workout.

I would recommend this game to anyone. Whether you're an athlete and are looking for a fun way to work out at home or you're someone who wants motivation to get in shape to start with, there's something here for you. The appealing \$50 price tag should be more than enough reason for any Kinect owner to hop on this game.

Movie Review: Due Date

By Ashley Casey
Castleton Spartan



Zach Galifianakis and Robert Downey Jr. star in "Due Date," a movie about an eccentric wannabe actor on his way to Hollywood and a bad-tempered expectant father on the way to Los Angeles for the birth of his first child. At the start of the movie, Downey (Peter Highman) meets Galifianakis (Ethan Tremblay) at the airport where their luggage is switched and they subsequently get into an argument on the plane and are put on the "no-fly list." After a significant amount of grumbling from Downey's character (who also lost his wallet in the shuffle), they decide to drive cross-country together.

As one can imagine, there are plenty of crazy happenings along the way, including numerous car crashes and run-ins with the law. One such incident occurs when Ethan decides he wants to "clam bake" in their borrowed Range Rover. Of course, Peter also gets high, which actually makes him more likeable since he stops grumbling for a few minutes. In the end, Peter letting his guard down gets them all in trouble when they end up being interrogated by officials at the Mexican border.

"Due Date" is one film that truly could not have been more typecast or predictable. After all, who would expect Zach Galifianakis to play an odd, but loveable stoner? Downey Jr.'s typical portrayal of a high strung architect leaves the viewer waiting for the tension to break, but alas it never does. The one character who really adds laughs to the predictable plot is Juliette Lewis as a small town drug dealer that Ethan Tremblay insists on visiting. Overall, if you're in the mood to watch a comedy similar to "Due Date," go for "Pineapple Express" or "The Hangover," which provide a lot more humor and a lot less awkwardness.



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The Paramount in Rutland will feature the art.

Student's work finds new home in Rutland

By Ali Flewelling
Castleton Spartan

Seven Castleton students will soon have their artwork displayed as part of a permanent exhibit in the Bagley Lobby, located above the Paramount Theatre in Rutland.

"The Bagleys approached me about one year ago with the idea that they wanted to do an art installation in the space to support artists at Castleton," said Eric Mallette, programming director at the Paramount. "They had already purchased different pieces as part of a permanent exhibit."

The Bagley Lobby was established in 2005 and named after Fred Bagley, a former volunteer on the Paramount Board and long-time Castleton advocate.

"Fred and his wife Jennifer are huge supporters of the Paramount and huge supporters of Castleton," said Mallette.

The Bagleys purchased artwork from seven different Castleton students, all of which will be included in the display.

Jennifer Bagley, a former employee at the college, said that it was Evan Romeo, a 2010 graduate of Castleton, who sparked the idea to begin purchasing student artwork.

After attending Ro-

meo's senior art show, the Bagleys were so impressed by his self-portrait made on a recycled light fixture that they offered to purchase the piece. This was the first piece acquired for the display.

Castleton students, Kyle LaPine, Susannah Colburn, Henry Ireland, Sarah McMillen, Cherie Pfeiffer and Rachel Spitzer also had work purchased by the Bagleys to be featured in the exhibit.

All seven pieces will be donated to the Paramount on Wednesday, March 16.

"It will really enhance that room and it's a win-win for Castleton and the Paramount," said Jennifer Bagley. "It will give Castleton a visible presence in town and my husband and I knew that was something that your president has been trying to accomplish."

The Bagley's will install the artwork in the space later this week.

After the display opens next Wednesday, Mallette said that it will be viewable by the public at "any and all main stage events" held at the Paramount.

"It's all about putting people in a new place, making people go to another place that they may not be familiar with," said Bagley of the art display being in Rutland.

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the food shelf, was ecstatic when she received the call about a possible large donation.

"We always need food and the fact that the college is willing to help out is just super," said Ladd with a sparkling tone.

The tone, however, quickly became serious. Ladd sighed and said, "We used to have enough supply to share with West Rutland, but with the way the economy is now it's hard to keep up with the demand."

With food shelves preparing for donations and small, descriptive flyers being posted over campus, the word has spread about the creative challenge.

"It's really cool to see the energy and curiosity

surrounding the event. I'm not hoping for miracles in the first year," Mills mentioned, "But we're focusing on being recognized. Hopefully the popularity snowballs."

The finished "canstructions" will be viewable from March 7-9 in the 1787 room in the Campus Center. When asked what designs would be featured, Mills chuckled and said, "Well, there's various local Vermont themes and collegiate themes related to Castleton, but I don't want to give anything away. You'll just have to come see."

Mills said food and monetary donations can continue throughout March, even after the sculptures are taken down and donated.

SGA to fill huge gap as members graduate in May

By Alison Clark
Castleton Spartan

Justin Garritt is buzzing with energy. He's sitting in the renovated Campus Center he helped plan is ticking off a list of Student Government Association accomplishments during his three years as its president.

"We changed the SGA's constitution, got more recycling bins and bike racks, started the Change for Bucks program..." and the list kept going.

Garritt has been a force in the SGA for three years. He has been instrumental in redrafting the SGA's constitution to better accommodate Castleton's size and purpose. He is active as a member and intense in his goal to see changes made.

"When I got here I looked around and I saw problems that I thought needed to be fixed," he said. "I hate to complain about things that aren't working; I want to change them."

When Garritt sees a problem he springs into action. But in May, he will be taking his energies with him when he graduates and starts his career as a teacher.

"We'll be in a transition period when he leaves," said Tammy Lattuca, the SGA advisor. "We're going to be sorry to see him go. He's an asset, but I have high hopes that whoever comes in next can achieve whatever they want."

Two-thirds of the current SGA members will be graduating this May leaving big positions to be filled.

Garritt, Chief Justice Michael Miller, Treasurer Ryan Baldinelli and several others will all be leaving.

There loss is both scary and exciting, said Alicia White a justice on the College Court.

"There's new blood, new people, new ideas and a new energy coming to the table," she said. "A lot of people who are leaving did a lot and I think people take that for granted. People don't know what we've done so they don't know what we can do. But I'm seeing a lot of freshman take interest so I'm hopeful."

The SGA relies heavily on student participation, something Garritt has worked to increase.

"I'm not worried about when Justin leaves, I'm worried about following through with what Justin started: student involvement," Lattuca said.

Concerns about student involvement came to the forefront since the SGA



Justin Garritt

started accepting applications for this year's election. "Our biggest issue is that there's not a lot of initiative. It's people running against themselves," said White, who is organizing the elections.

In the SGA's history, there have been some years where all positions have not been filled. White believes that will not be the case this year, but would like to see more people running.

"There's not always a huge turnout," said Tammy Lattuca an SGA advisor. "I'd love to see it be a competition between people who want to have a position."

White is encouraging students to step up and be leaders.

"It's very rewarding to see that you're making a difference," she said. "We're not just here to go to classes; we are part of a community. If you see things you want changed, you're the best person to be involved in SGA."

Brittany Lafirra, a justice on the College Court, is in charge of collecting applications for the upcoming SGA elections. Applications have been scarce, but Lafirra and other members of the SGA are hoping to increase interest and participation.

"We are trying to do more advertising," she said. "People don't get involved because they think SGA doesn't pertain to them. But it affects everyone of us."

Lafirra has turned to Facebook and Twitter to get people involved. She has updated people on applications and plans to use the sites to get people to vote.

"Last year not a lot of people came out to vote," she said. "About 100 did. This year I want to double that. I want a good majority to vote."

Applications for positions were due March 7, and a final ballot will be compiled shortly after. The elections will be held March 21-25 at tables set up in Huden, Jeffords and Fireside.

For more information about the candidates who will be on the ballot go to: www.castletonspartan.com.

Alercio violates an NCAA rule

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out of any college coach I have met," Chicoine said. "It's safe to say that, every player would say they respected him not only as a coach, but a family man as well."

Alercio said that while his main goal right now is to "stabilize [his] family," it's hard not to think about the future of his career.

"I really hope this won't ruin my career as a football coach," he said. "But it just may because this has been so damaging to me and to my reputation."

Moving Forward "Quickly and Decisively"

The ramifications of the situation do not stop with Alercio, though, as the unnamed player and the college are also facing consequences from the violation.

Tyson said that the unnamed player is currently ineligible play to football for the college, but there is hope that that will change.

"Because we did self-report the incident, he becomes automatically ineligible," she said.

According to Tyson, The NCAA will investigate the player's ineligibility and then send the findings to an infractions committee.

Wolk was quick to point out that the player should not be blamed for the violation.

"The player was not at fault here. He didn't know that it was a NCAA violation, and why would he?" Wolk said, adding that Alercio acknowledged arranging a meeting between the player and employee to discuss ways of getting financial help.

When asked if he thought Alercio knew he was doing something wrong, Wolk paused.

"He will tell you that he didn't know that it was a violation of a NCAA rule," Wolk said. "He's been coaching for 20 years, and he reached out to help one player out of 90. I bet there are probably 70 or so that are on financial aid since about 85 percent of Castleton students are on financial aid."

Section 16 of the 2010-2011 NCAA Division III Manual, explains the violation.

"An extra benefit is any special arrangement by an institutional employee or a representative of the institution's athletics interests to provide a student-athlete or the student-athlete's relative or friend a benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation," the manual states. "Receipt of a benefit by student-athletes or their relatives or friends is not a violation of NCAA legislation if it is demonstrated that the same benefit is generally available to the institution's students."

Alercio said he was just trying to help out a student in need.

"The kid needed help so he could stay in school and get his education," Alercio told the Associated Press in a

USATODAY.com article. "The [part-time employee] didn't provide him with any money. He helped him qualify for a loan. In the grand scheme of things, I didn't see that as a problem. But according to the NCAA, it is."

Tyson described Alercio's first reaction to news of the violation as surprise.

"He was kind of like, 'You're questioning me about this?' Then after he thought about it, when it came to realization, he was like, 'What does this mean?'" she said.

Wolk said the college responded "quickly and decisively" to the violation, which a college employee first reported to Tyson in late January.

Tyson, who has never had to deal with a NCAA violation in her 11 years with the college, may have been one of the most surprised by the information.

"My first reaction was I was shocked. I was like, 'What are you talking about?'" Tyson said. "Then I thought, 'Well, we've never had a violation before. This can't be right; this can't be a violation.' Then when I started to investigate and found out it was a violation, I was like, 'Wow, this is real serious,'" she said.

Wolk said that announcing the violation to the public was very important to him.

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Dealing with the NCAA

One of the hardest parts of the investigation was figuring out how to self-report the incident to the NCAA, something that isn't explained in the NCAA manual, which Wolk admitted he has read cover to cover recently.

The college's hope is that the punishment handed down might be reduced because of the self-reporting.

According to Wolk, the transparency of the investigation is already paying off because the NCAA has assured the college that it will try to reach a decision on what punishment, if any, will be handed down within the next few weeks instead of the months it usually takes.

The college is preparing for a wide range of punishments including probation, fines, victories being taken away and recruiting restrictions.

"One of the reasons I wanted to act decisively and tell the truth was because it doesn't always happen that way in college, and I'm hoping they will realize that we have taken this se-

riously," Wolk said. "I have to look at the big picture, and I don't want the student athletes to be penalized any further than they have been by this already."

Tyson also cautioned that Castleton must be extra careful in the near future.

"If we have another violation within the next five years, whether it's a secondary or a major, then we're going to be in trouble," she said. "It's gonna be not a good situation for our teams."

Alercio believes that to protect itself from any future violations, the college needs to implement a stronger program to help coaches identify NCAA violations.

"It's disappointing to me because three other coaches knew of the [co-signing], but they didn't know it was a violation either," Alercio said. "So I do believe there should be new programs initiated just so that another life and career isn't ruined by something like this."

Tyson, who said that she has all coaches, assistant coaches and even graduate assistants take the 50-question open book test on NCAA rules, agreed with Alercio.

"We will do something just so that something like this doesn't happen again," Tyson said. "I felt confident [before this violation]. Like I said, I've been here 11 years and never had a violation before. But [implementing new programs] is one of the things the NCAA looks for so this doesn't happen again: what you can do and what your institution is going to do to prevent this from happening again."

The End of a Brief Era

Despite the unfortunate circumstances of Alercio's last days with the program, Wolk said he is still proud of the man the college hired in 2008.

"I think he did a wonderful job in getting our program started," he said. "He was a good coach, a great teacher, and I would have felt that way even if we didn't have a winning season last year."

Alercio's final moments with the team came during a meeting on March 1, when he announced his resignation and the violation to the entire football program.

While one of the main goals between all parties involved was to allow the players to hear the news first, unfortunately, according to Chicoine, many members of the team heard about the coach's resignation just prior to the start of the meeting.

"It was actually a complete shock to all of us, to be honest with you," Chicoine said. "We all found out about five minutes before our mandatory team meeting. I think that under these tough circumstances, though, President Wolk, Ms. Tyson, and our coaching staff handled it the best they could."

ward the program for a while." Chicoine, though, said that he thinks everything will work out fine for the Spartans once the fall season arrives.

"I honestly don't see [what took place last week] being a problem. We have one of the best college venues in all of Division III sports from the amazing tailgating experience, to a guaranteed packed Spartan Stadium on Saturdays," he said. "This is a great chance for our team to come together even more than we already were. The thing people need to realize is we still have a lot of young and skillful athletes. We are still very excited for this upcoming year."

Klatt steps in as new coach

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"Everyone deals with things differently. Coach Klatt is a deep thinker himself, and he knew the smoke just needed to settle a little," Chicoine said. "We came back 48 hours later and there was a completely different attitude with everyone. Coach Klatt asked us to be together and love. 'Love your brother,' we like to say."

After the 48-hour reflection time, Klatt held a second meeting on March 3 to get his players back on track with the offseason preparations.

Besides addressing a few administrative points during the meeting, Klatt took the opportunity to let the team know a little about himself.

"Serving as the defensive coordinator for three years and not having the relationship with many players, or a different relationship with many players, what I wanted to share with them was who I was a bit and my expectations," Klatt said.

"And then I wanted to let them know that for our program here, and for them specifically, the title doesn't mean a thing to me. I don't dwell on that. What I dwell on are the duties and the responsibilities that go along with leading this program so that every one of our student athletes has the opportunity to achieve" the success they want to have," he said. "I see that as my job."

According to Chicoine, the second meeting came as a relief for him and the team.

"We were able to come back some-

what refreshed and have a great meeting in which a lot unknown questions were addressed," he said.

Athletic Director Deanna Tyson said that for her, Klatt is the right man for the job and that the immediate future of the program looks bright.

"We felt very confident that Marc is the man we would want to hire," Tyson said. "We knew he'd be great at stepping into the head coaching position. We knew he'd fit right in and be able to helm the program and take it forward."

Castleton State College President Dave Wolk echoed Tyson's support of Klatt.

"I have great confidence in coach Klatt, as do the players. He is someone of impeccable character, great integrity, strong work ethic, and he is widely respected, not only by the players, but by all the other coaches too," Wolk said. "So we have the right man at the helm of our football program. I have every confidence that we will continue this wonderful forward progress that we have been making."

Alercio gave Klatt a vote of confidence also, but pointed out that things might not go as easily as everybody is hoping.

"I think Marc Klatt will do a great job of coaching this team. I think he will do great with the players and great with the recruiting," he said before pausing briefly. "I think the problem will come from the community. I think they are bitter over what has happened, and they might be bitter to-

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Lady Spartans mix youth and experience

By Shawn Medeiros
Castleton Spartan

A quick glance at Castleton's softball roster for the 2011 season may indicate an inexperienced team, but third-year head coach John Werner has a different interpretation on that topic.

"We have a good balance of experience and youth which should make us successful this season," Werner said. "We are optimistic about the season and making a run at the (North Atlantic Conference) championship."

Castleton will have to rely on its pitching staff to guide the way.

"We need a big year from both Taylor [Lively] and Emily [Sweeney] allowing Stacie [Bushman] to develop," Werner said.

Lively, a sophomore, will replace Hilary Bemis, who graduated, as the top starter on the staff. Lively comes off of a pretty successful freshman campaign as the second in the rotation compiling a 5-4 overall record, 5.89 ERA and an impressive 52-14 strikeout-to-walk ratio.

Lively has big shoes to fill considering what Bemis did for the program last season posting a 9-9 overall record with a 4.19 ERA to lead the rotation. She was also selected to the NAC All-Conference First-Team for her hitting prowess after finishing the season with a .306 batting average, a team-leading 24 runs-scored, six doubles, four home runs and 30 RBI.

"It's always tough to lose a great player," said Werner

of Bemis, who impacted the Spartans on both sides of the diamond.

Lively and Sweeney, also a sophomore, will complement each other well in the doubleheader format that soft-



PHOTO BY JOHN SHRAMEK / CASTLETON SPARTAN
Mercedes Maltbie takes a swing last season. Softball's home opener is April 7, at 3 p.m.

ball plays because of their contrasting styles.

"Taylor [Lively] throws hard and has great control which is a tough combination for hitters," Werner said. "Emily [Sweeney] throws more 'stuff' so they should keep hitters off balance in doubleheaders."

Bushman, only a freshman, is a left-handed starter that looks promising for Castleton and will look to learn from Lively and Sweeney all season. She also may see some time in the starting lineup as a designated player when she is not pitching.

As for the lineup, the Spartans will feature arguably one of the best hitters in the conference in sophomore shortstop Megan Blongy. Last season, Blongy batted a whopping .473 at the plate — third in the NAC — had an on-base percentage of .495 and swiped 11-of-16 bags. Blongy can also flash the leather, ranking second among all shortstops in the conference with a .969 fielding percentage.

Third baseman Shannon Iipner will provide most of the pop in the lineup as she cranked three home runs last spring, notched three doubles, one triple and batted in 13 runs. Second baseman Mercedes Maltbie also provides some extra base hitting power as the sophomore middle infielder hit a team-leading nine doubles in 2010 and finished second on the team in RBI with 13.

The Spartans open their season in sunny Salem, Virginia at the Roanoke Valley Softball Bash on Saturday, March 12 against Ferrum. Castleton's first home contest is against SUNY-Cobleskill at 3 pm on Thursday, April 4.

Lacrosse going for NAC repeat

By Mike DeDotto
Castleton Spartan

For the last six years, the three main preseason goals for the Castleton men's lacrosse team have been just about the same: beat Mount Ida, win the North Atlantic Conference for the first time in program history and make the program's first trip to the NCAA National Tournament.

As the program has changed and evolved, so have the goals.

"We want to win the NAC obviously," said junior goalie Dave DeGhetto, who was recently named captain for 2011. "We want to make it past the first round of the NCAA (tournament) and also beat big out-of-conference teams."

The Spartans accomplished it all last season. They manhandled Mount Ida for the NAC championship but then lost to the perennial Keene State during their first trip to the "big dance." Castleton beat Ida in the seventh-straight and final NAC championship matchup to feature the two teams. The Mustangs moved to a new conference after 2010.

There are plenty of chances to achieve the goals of 2011. In order to repeat, the Spartans must face an Ida-less NAC, in which they haven't lost to another opponent since 2004.

Castleton will also play Colby, a team from the NESCAC, arguably Division III lacrosse's best conference, sending three teams to the national tournament in 2010, Rensselaer, currently ranked No. 10 in nation, and Kean University, who handed last year's champions an 18-1 loss.

Castleton senior co-captain Craig MacDerment said he was excited for the showdown with Colby. MacDerment has been a constant national leader in face-offs in each of his four seasons.

"Their (Colby's) faceoff guy was third in the nation last year," MacDerment stated. "I was fourth."

Castleton's first-year coach, Brian Kingsbury, believes the team needs to take it game-by-game, and he hopes it will take the Spartans back to the NAC championship.

"We want to continue to improve



PHOTO BY JOHN SHRAMEK / CASTLETON SPARTAN
Sam Bailey dodges on a Western Connecticut defender during last season's home opener.

throughout the year," Kingsbury said. "And we want to build off the success from last year."

Kingsbury believes Maine Maritime Academy will step up and fill the shoes of Mount Ida as Castleton's principle rival. The Mariners will return NAC Player of the Year Andrew DiSalvo and co-Rookie of the Year Tom Houle.

Castleton returns seven starters from last season's championship squad. DeGhetto will anchor a returning defensive unit that shut-out two conference opponents.

Junior attackman Sam Bailey will lead a young and talented offense with sophomore Nohea King, who led all freshmen in every scoring category and finished third on the team in goals (27) and points (42).

Newcomers Alex Green and A.J. Groot will look to make big impacts at attack and midfield respectively. Green, a freshman, was a Player of the Year in Vermont, and Groot is a transfer from SUNY-Cortland, which went to four-straight National Championships between 2006 and 2009.

"I'm excited to see A.J. play in a game,"

Kingsbury said.

The inclement weather has kept a lot of the Spartan practices off the turf and moved their game with Rensselaer from a home game to a road one.

"I'm excited for the season," MacDerment said. "I can't wait to actually get out on the turf for consecutive practices."

Castleton will play its home-opener game on Saturday, March 19 against Plymouth State. The game will start at 1 p.m.

Baseball team off to slow start down south



PHOTO BY JOHN SHRAMEK / CASTLETON SPARTAN
David Brandt in last year's NEAC championship game against Husson.

By Shawn Medeiros
Castleton Spartan

Even the collegiate baseball season is a long one and head coach Ted Shipley knows the Spartans have a long way to go in verifying the NEAC East's preseason coaches poll that picked Castleton to repeat as conference champions.

"We have a ways to go to be a contender," Shipley said. "For the most part, we are a young and inexperienced team, and for our conference to pick us at one is flattering, but not a true indication of where we are at right now."

As of now, the Spartans are 0-7 on the season after dropping four contests against Letourneau and the University of

Texas-Tyler in February and three games versus Apprentice in Hampton, Virginia this past weekend.

"Despite the 0-4 results, we showed that we have some potential to become a pretty good team," said Shipley about his team's trip to the Lone Star State. "Both games versus Letourneau were winnable, but we made too many early season mistakes and wound up on the short end of the stick."

Those early season mistakes continued to surface versus Apprentice in Castleton's recent trip to Virginia as the Spartans let four different one-run leads slip away in their first game on March 4 losing 6-5 in 12 innings.

Castleton dropped the next two contests by scores of 13-5 and 14-3 to the Builders rounding out a pair of trips that highlighted some of the Spartans' inefficiencies and also showcased some positive things to come for the rest of the season.

"Our offense has shown flashes so far, but our defense still is struggling," Shipley said. "Joe Borowski and Dave Brandt both had good trips offensively. Others had moments, but no one else was consistently effective."

Borowski, a freshman first baseman from Schenectady, New York, posted a

.476 batting average, notched four doubles and knocked in three runs while Brandt took advantage of his Major League caliber speed swiping 10-out-of-10 bags, batted .333 and scored a team-high seven runs.

As the offense is on the fast track to finding its way, Shipley believes that the pitching staff will do the same, as well as the team, and be right in the hunt for a championship season.

"Our pitching has been hot and cold," Shipley said. "When we've gotten good pitching, we've been right there. When we haven't, we have added poor defense and that combination is never good."

Shipley continued talking about his team putting it all together.

"I believe we can get there though [to the NEAC East Championship] and we have enough quality players and people to become a championship caliber team, we're just not there right now," Shipley said. "It is going to take some time and a lot of hard work."

The Spartans have plenty of time until the conference schedule begins to put it together as Castleton will travel to Husson University on Saturday, April 2 for a twin bill against the Eagles with game one starting at 12 p.m.



Tennis team drops opener

By Kayla Miller
Castleton Spartan

The Castleton men's tennis team has won the North Athletic Conference Divisional Championship the past four years. With all six starting players returning and two new additional players that show outstanding skills. The men started the 2011 campaign for another division championship season Saturday March 5, with a match against Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

This match was added so the Spartans could get more challenging competition outside the division, but they ended up losing 9-0. RPI's Jarrel Regier defeated Justin Garritt in the top matchup 6-0 and 6-2. Regier and Pat Ruso defeated Garritt and Greg Klopfer in the top matchup for doubles play 8-2.

Even though the end results didn't turn out in favor of Castleton, captain Garritt believes strongly in his teammates and their upcoming season.

"I think we will be very competitive in our division," said Garritt. "With this mix of veteran players and new talent, we have a good shot of making it straight."

Garritt has been the teams captain for the past three years and he said this is the largest team so far, with a total of 12 guys.

The Spartans will be going up against Norwich on Wednesday, March 9 and Sage Thursday, March 17.

Tournament hopes eliminated

By Shawn Medeiros
Castleton Spartan

Castleton versus Norwich in the championship round of the ECAC Division III Men's East Tournament. That's how the script read to many who had been following both teams all season. Logically, all the signs pointed to a championship game with the Cadets hosting the Spartans at Kreitzberg Arena in the "Battle of Vermont" being showcased at the highest stage of the game.

Well, Babson had other plans.

The Beavers, seeded fifth, raced out to a 3-0 lead midway through the second period and held off a late Castleton rally to halt the number two seed of its national tournament hopes with a 4-3 victory at Kreitzberg Arena last Friday in the semifinal round of the ECAC East Tournament.

"That's playoff hockey. It was close, it was right down to the wire," said Coach Alex Todd. "I thought we did some very good things, but unfortunately we just didn't get any hops."

"I thought we were a lock for an at-large bid (in the NCAA tournament), but I guess not."

Castleton's season ended,

however, as the Spartans did not receive a bid into the Division III National Tournament on selection Monday.

In the first period, Mike Hoban jumpstarted the Beavers offense at 6:07, roofing a wrist shot over Erick Cinotti's blocker for a 1-0 lead.

At 12:33, Babson pushed its advantage to 2-0 as Jay Haseley cleaned up a loose puck in front of the net for his seventh goal of the season.

By no means was Castleton out of the contest down 2-0 headed into the second period, but an uncharacteristic mistake by freshman defenseman Ryan Delorme gave the Beavers all the momentum they needed to close out the victory.

On the penalty kill at 4:29, Terry Woods intercepted a pass from Delorme inside the slot area and backhanded a shot past a helpless Cinotti (17 saves) for a 3-0 lead.

"That shorthanded goal was unacceptable," said Todd. "It's something they haven't done all year so it kind of surprised me."

In fact, it was only the second time on the entire season Castleton gave up a shorthanded goal



PHOTO BY SHAWN MEDEIROS / CASTLETON SPARTAN
(Top) #22 Terry Woods celebrates his shorthanded goal against Castleton in the second period that gave Babson a 3-0 lead. (Above) Junior Lindsey Gullett discusses a penalty assessed to the Spartans by official Robert Tisi.

to an opponent outscoring the opposition 5-2 in that situation.

With the season potentially on the line, the Spartans roared back late in the stanza as Dan Bell potted his ninth goal of the season on a feed from Justin Alonzo beating Zeke Testa (23 saves) at the 18:26 mark.

A few moments later (19:08), Colin Murray sniped a wrist shot over Testa's blocker on a nice setup from Lindsey Gullett to cut the deficit to 3-2.

In the third period, Matt O'Neill answered for Babson with his seventh goal of the season at 9:28 of the period. Dan Ahern and Ryan Smith picked up assists on the tally.

ECAC East Player of the Year Josh Harris looked to rally the Spartans at 12:28 drilling home a rebound 16th of the season, but Castleton's rally fell short as the Spartans did not manage too many quality scoring chances for the remainder of the game.

Nationals in sight

By Kristie Dunchus
Castleton Spartan

Goal one: win the Thompson Division and go undefeated. Two: place in the top five at regionals to qualify for nationals, and three: continue to build a cohesive team that is there for each other both on and off the snow.

Check, check and check. Next stop, Nationals.

These were just three out of the four goals the Castleton men's ski team set prior to its season. After achieving all but one on the list the men's ski team is gearing up to make that last goal on the list a reality, which is to place in the top ten at nationals.

This isn't anything new for the Spartans since this is the fourth consecutive year that the men have advanced to the USCSA National Championships.

The Spartans clinched the national berth by placing fifth in both the Slalom and Giant Slalom events at the USCSA Eastern Regional Championships at Waterville Valley, NH on Feb. 20.

Senior Justin Garritt has been a member of the men's ski team for four years and says he has seen this small group of skiers grow, not just in numbers, but also into a nationally ranked competitive ski team. Garritt is nothing but confident with his

team going into nationals.

"I am impressed with the team's effort, determination, and drive this season. Everyone has been supportive of one another and understands their role," Garritt said.

Head coach Chris Eder feels the same way.

"We can rank in the top ten. I think we have a good shot," Eder said.

Eder is also excited that his team gets another chance to face such prestige competition like Plymouth State, Colby Sawyer College, Rocky Mountain College and Sierra Nevada College.

"The team is pretty confident there's defiantly going to be some good competition out there," Eder said.

With all this success, Garritt says there is always pressure for the team to do well, but also says it never affects the performances of the team.

"At regionals we are expected to make nationals and only have four runs to prove it. So far, the team has stood up and performed despite the pressure," he said.

Garritt says the key for the team to be successful at nationals is consistency and finishing all four runs cleanly.

"Hopefully at the end of next week we will be able to say we met all of our goals for the season and come in top 10 in the country," he said.



PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER EDER / SPARTAN CONTRIBUTOR
Freshman Reed Drechsel competing in the Giant Slalom earlier this season. The Spartans will look to place in the top ten at Nationals this year.

The National Championships will take place at the Sun Valley Resort in Sun Valley, Idaho on March 9-12.

The Spartans best result came in 2008

when the team placed eighth in the country and now the men will have a chance to top that at this year's event.



PHOTO BY JOHN SHRAMEK / CASTLETON SPARTAN
Elizabeth Haggerty carries past a defender last season.

Women's lax seeks revenge against BSU

By Kristie Dunchus
Castleton Spartan

After falling in the New England Women's Lacrosse Alliance final last year to Bridgewater State University, the women's lacrosse team is ready for vengeance with the help from some new blood and more experience from the returners.

The Spartans were picked second in the pre-season poll receiving one first place vote and 53 points placing them right behind the Bridgewater State, who was picked number one. The Spartans return seven starters including 2009 Offensive Player of the Year Marie VanDerKar.

VanDerKar is a senior this season and says this year's squad is the most solid team across the board that they've had.

"We have a lot of talent left from last year and we've gotten a few really talented freshmen as well that fit right into the team nicely," she said. "This definitely feels like the strongest overall team we've had."

VanDerKar said that this season the team is at a whole other level and is already light years away from where they were at this point in the season last year.

"We are covering things in practice now, before games have even started, that we didn't get around to until halfway through the season last year," she said.

VanDerKar said the team has been working hard in the offseason and in preseason workouts in order to be in the best possible shape they can be in to start the season.

"We're just excited to finally re-

ally get outside on our turf and get our season started," she said. "We are more than ready to do everything we have to do to come out with the championship this year."

The Spartans open their season this Saturday, March 12 with a home game against Western Connecticut State University at 1 P.M.

Castleton will travel to Bridgewater State on Saturday, April 9 to play the Bears in a conference matchup at 2 pm.

This contest may serve as a barometer against the Bears for when they will most likely meet up against each other in the NEWLA Finals. Last season, the Spartans defeated Bridgewater State, 17-14, in the regular season before falling to the Bears, 21-9, in the NEWLA championship game.

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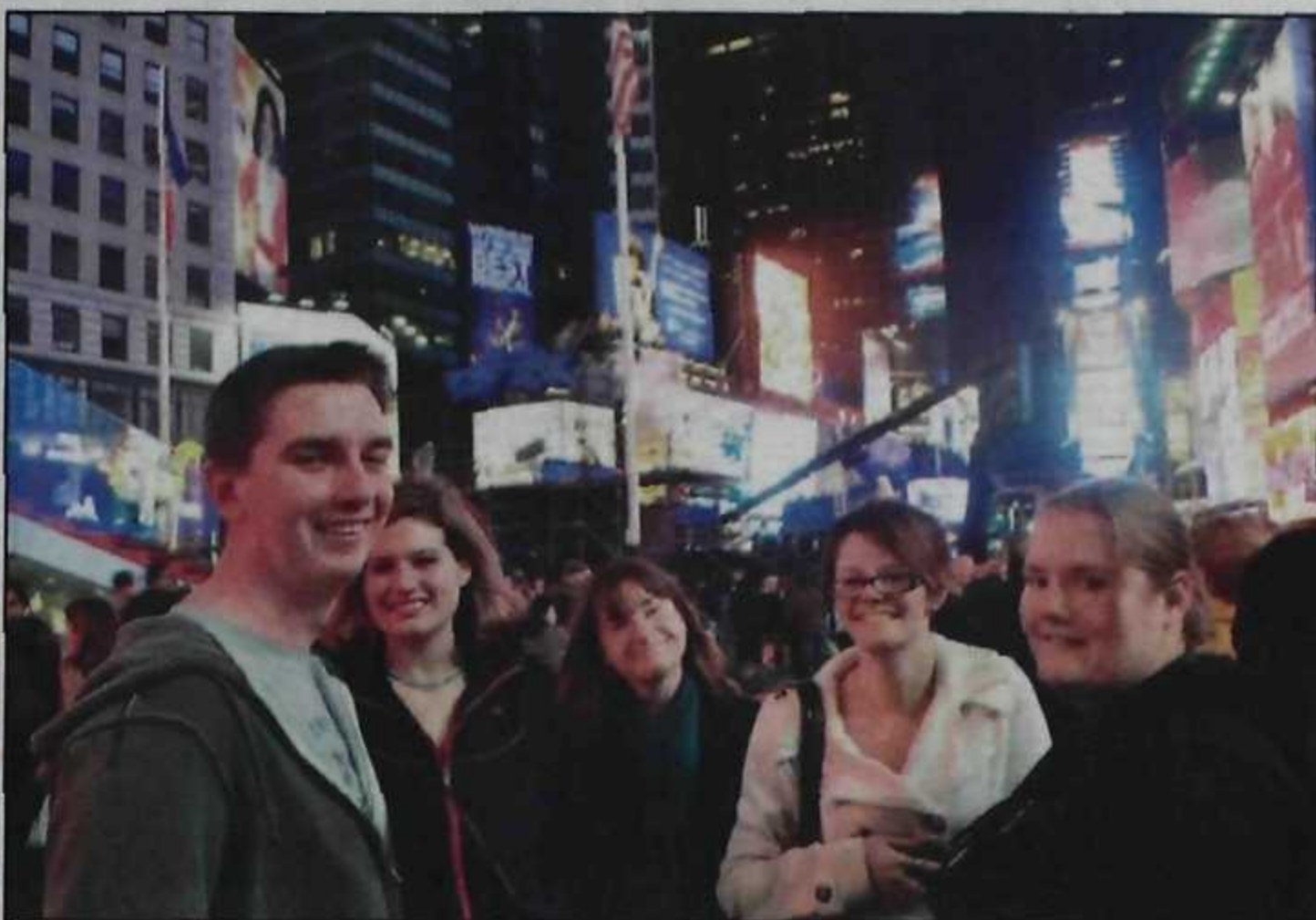
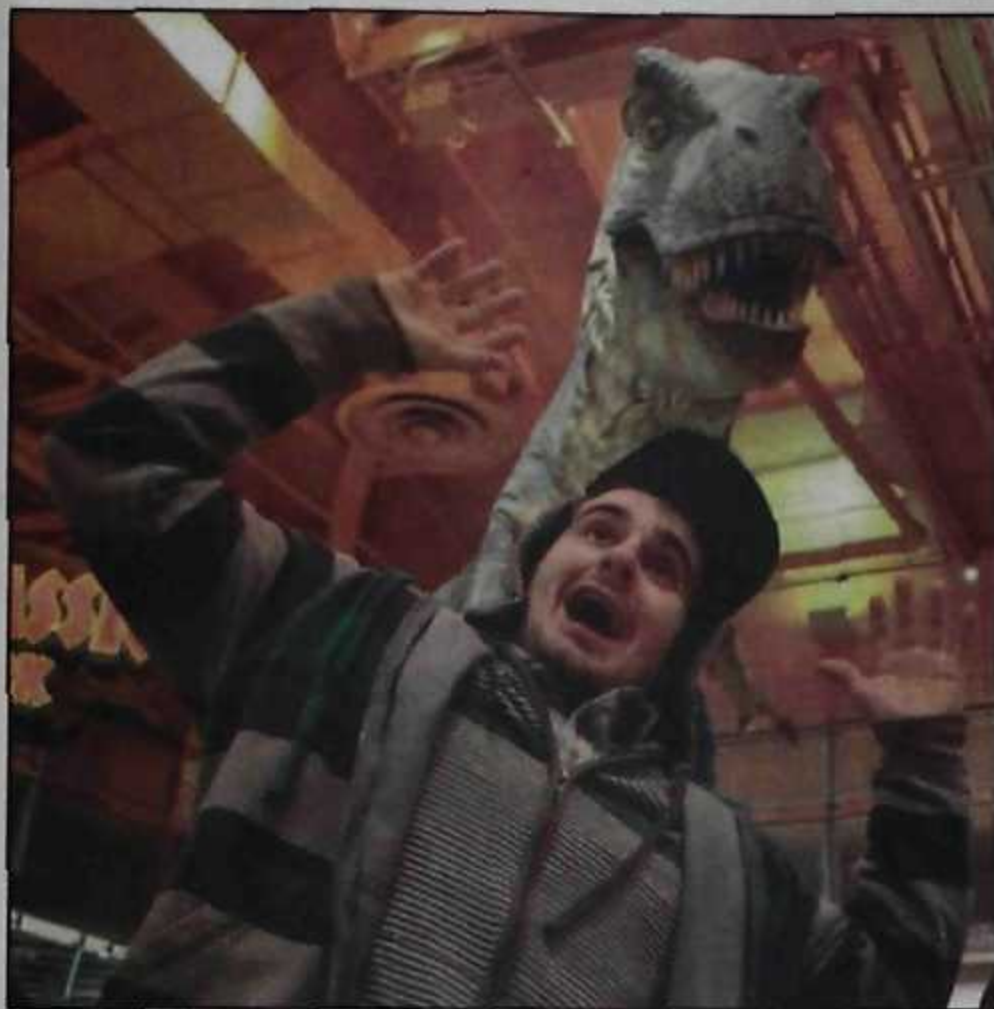
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Mike DeIDotto plays in Toys 'R' Us. (Right) John Shramek, Traci Hubbell, Alison Clark, Megan Davis, and Jessica Lawrenson in Times Square.

CSC students bite the Big Apple

By Jessica Lawrenson
Castleton Spartan

Flashing lights, enormous billboards, and thousands of people were what nine communication students saw as they entered New York City for a media conference.

Students got the pleasure to listen to presenters from

all over the country and from well known magazines including Cosmopolitan and Men's Health.

Although all had unique ways to conveying information, Michael Koretzky from Florida Atlantic University, walked through the presentations with a jockey whip to point to his PowerPoint.

If students answered his questions correctly or cleverly, he would give them gold dollar, adding that students at his school get three then go buy a beer from a machine.

To wrap up his main points about newspaper design quickly after each section, he did 10-second video recaps set to music.

Others presented with PowerPoint, lectures, candid advice and question and answer sessions.

With varieties of topics to choose from, Castleton Spartan newspaper students got to attend an array of sessions on everything from editing and design to photography and feature writing.

Koretzky's was called "Chicken Salad" for designing a page, "100 story ideas" for how to come up with story ideas and "Website Roulette" for different Web pages to use for sources.

"My favorite was 100 different story ideas because I was never good at coming up with ideas," said

junior Maria Arnot, a former online editor for Castleton Spartan.

Current online editor Alison Clark said she enjoyed that session as well.

"They really stressed to look at story ideas from different perspectives to get ideas," Clark said.

Some students, like Me-
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SPARTANS FOR LIFE

By Jessica Lawrenson
Castleton Spartan

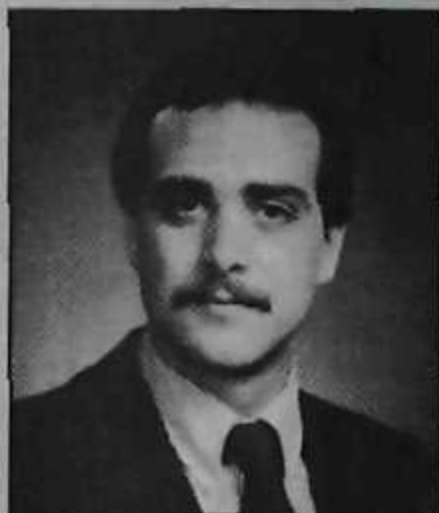
They have changed. Their hair has grayed or fallen out and their weight has shifted, but they remain at Castleton State College after all these years.

Several Castleton alums either stay here after graduation to work or in some cases come back after several years away.

But why would they come back? Was it the fond memories or just where they felt comfortable?

According to Liz Garside, 23 percent of Castleton employees are CSC college graduates. These include those who teach, coach and work part-time and full-time.

Dean of Students Dennis Proulx has come back twice. Two years after graduation, he came back to work in admissions, but then left after three years to go to graduate school. Before returning, he worked at four other colleges. But when he came here for a conference and there was a job opening, he jumped on it - again.



Dennis Proulx
Dean of Students

"The environment here feels more comfortable," Proulx said.

Tammy Lattuca feels similarly. She came here at the age of 36 as a non-traditional student and was in a first-year-seminar like the other freshmen, but she said she didn't feel out of place among the 18 and 19 year olds.

"They made me feel at ease," Lattuca said, adding that the experience made her realize what she wanted to do after school.

Lattuca said she realized right then that she wanted to work with the students. By the



David Blow
Spartan Advisor
Communication Professor

time she graduated, she had already been a student orientation staff leader and served in student government.

These experiences further cemented her desire to stay at Castleton and work with the students.

And it happened.

Her Student Services experience led her to be hired as program advisor, where she works with students and their clubs.

Admissions counselor Joe Zeitler never left Castleton. As a student, he was a tour guide for admissions and when he was getting ready to graduate

he wanted a job like everyone else. On his graduation day in May 2008, while President Dave Wolk handed him a diploma and shook his hand, Wolk also told Zeitler he got the job. Zeitler said he has no intentions of moving away now because he just got married to a woman he met here and they just bought a house.

But some alums said they never thought they'd be back.

Communication professor David Blow never saw himself coming back after he graduated in 1989. After working as a journalist for about 15 years, he said he thought teaching would be "cool." He needed a recommendation for graduate school and went to his former professor Bob Gershon. It was during that discussion that Gershon asked if he wanted to teach a journalism ethics course.

Since their college days, there have been changes to the campus and to their appearance, but these alums seem to have a universal love for Castleton.

"It's neat to be back where I got my start," said Blow.

Student's remark sparks govt. visit

By Anders Ax
Castleton Spartan

On Feb. 10 at Castleton State College, a Soundings presentation in the Casella Theater featured peace-activist Colman McCarthy.

McCarthy's talk was informative and interesting, but it was during the question and answer session that it became more interesting.

James Cote, a 28-year-old freshman and former Sgt. of the 82nd Airborne Infantry, stood up and spoke into the microphone calling for action.

"How can we just sit by and continually let these staggering numbers of people suffer at our government and be pacifists and not up-rise against our government and assassinate our president and our entire government?" he said to McCarthy, who was at the stage. "Aren't we just as much at fault for sitting and not rising up to take out our government and to enact a more peaceful, humanitarian government?"

McCarthy stammered for a moment leaning against the podium and responded, "Who do you wanna knock off first?"

There were quiet laughs from the audience.

"Every single one to be honest with you," said Cote. "Every single person in political power at this point should be taken out."

"Every single person in political power at this point should be taken out."
-James Cote, freshman

Cote continued to speak and answer questions from McCarthy.

"I had the chance to assassinate President Bush when I was in Iraq in 2003, and I regret the fact that our plot was foiled ... A lot of people would be alive here today if that man had been assassinated during that Thanksgiving."

Cote, who was advised by his attorney to decline an interview re-
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Dikeman steps in as dean of administration

By Maria Arnot
Castleton Spartan

Thursday March 17 marked the last day of work at Castleton for Dean of Administration Bill Allen. Allen is transferring to Wesleyan in North Carolina to work as the vice president of enrollment. Replacing Allen, who has worked actively at Castleton for the past 11 years, is Scott Dikeman.

"There is only one problem I found when hiring Scott Dikeman," said President Dave Wolk. "Like Bill Allen, he's a Yankee fan."

Dikeman, who was born and raised in Vermont, was acquainted with Wolk at a very young age.

"He was my Mighty Mighty baseball coach when I was around 9 or 10—best coach I've ever

had," said Dikeman.

The duo later reconnected when working at the Factory Point Bank where Dikeman was the vice president and Wolk served as one of the board of directors.

Although Dikeman was the only candidate to fill Allen's position, Wolk said he knew that he was the right man for the job.

"Scott is very well respected in the Rut-

land area," said Wolk.

Dikeman has a long successful career in financial management, serving as the vice president of the Merchants Bank and Factory Point National Bank.

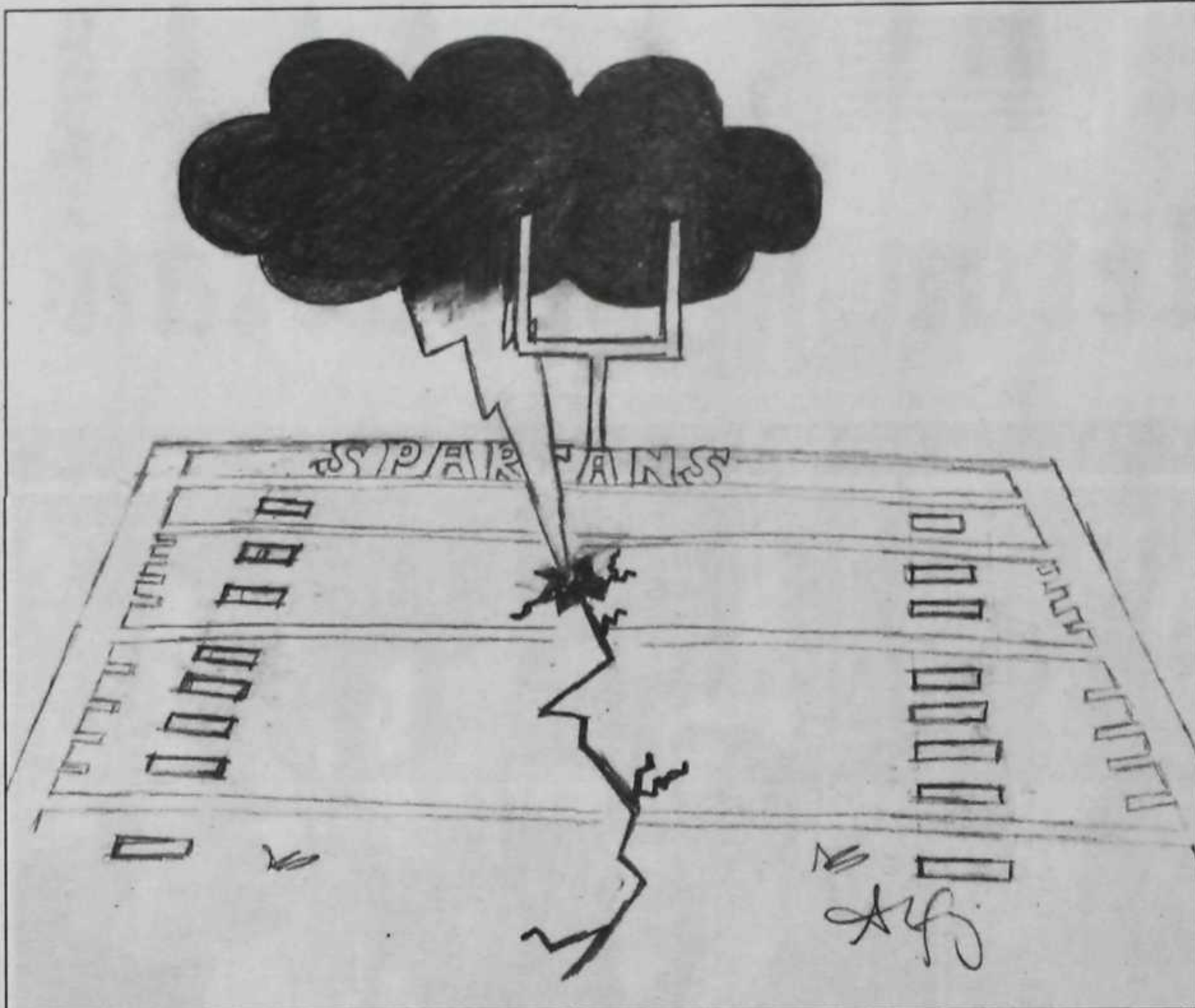
However, Wolk noted that he had proven himself the most as director of the Spartan Arena in Rutland.

"After working as the director of the Spartan arena for about 16 months,

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Scott Dikeman



Choose your roommate wisely

By Nick Minarik
Castleton Spartan

Room selection time is just around the corner and many students are frantically trying to decide roommate arrangements for next year. It's no small decision, and it's one that my friends and I have been trying to make for about a month already with no solution.

Which friend should I room with? If it's the one who is a CA I can't choose my building, but he doesn't want a random roommate. Maybe I should settle with a random one, but then what if I end up rooming with a meth addict?

If you're reading this and saying, "I'm not having any problems at all!" then you may just be one of the lucky few who found a perfect roommate match and are keeping it that way. However, my guess is that you're one of those who has fallen into the trap of the false security provided by rooming with a friend.

I've heard a lot of people try to justify rooming with a best friend from home or a previous year, with reassurances such as, "We know everything about each other!" or, "We're promising to be completely open with each other so there are no problems." These are both great ideas in theory, but going

through with them in practice falls through more often than not. A policy of complete and total honesty is much easier said than done.

If maintaining your friendship with a particular person is very important to you, don't room with them. Living with someone is completely different from being best friends with them; you find out so much more about a person by living with them and in almost all the circumstances I've experienced, very little of that is good. Annoying habits come to the forefront and grievances over conditions in the room can quickly overcome the fun of friendship.

It's true that sometimes there is a perfect match between friends and roommates where there is a perfect understanding of each other's tendencies, but this is rarely the case in college. Those who fall into the friend/roommate trap often meet someone at registration weekend, find some similar interests, and decide to room based on those ideas. I've seen this go really far south really fast, and the outcome is not pretty.

Most people make the choice based on a feeling of comfort, much rather rooming with someone who they know than a complete stranger. Think of it this way though: even



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They say you never know someone until you live with them.

though there's a chance you get a terrible random roommate, there's the same chance of you getting a good one. If you do get a bad roommate, you can always relocate with few repercussions. However, if you make the choice to room with a friend and things go badly, even

if you do relocate, chances are the friendship will never be the same.

When making your choices for room selection, make sure to carefully consider every option before possibly jeopardizing an important friendship for the sake of "comfort."

Football scandal hurts for all involved

By Courney Bates
Castleton Spartan

It's mid-March, but instead of thinking baseball, the Castleton campus is buzzing about the football team. But this time, all the talk has shifted from excitement to feelings of resentment.

In recent weeks, everyone has been talking about head football coach Rich Alerico's resignation. Professors were talking about it in class, students were talking about it in Huden and even Facebook was swarming with statuses referring to the current situation.

It all started when it was discovered that Alerico had violated NCAA rules to help an athlete. Alerico reportedly had a part-time college employee sign student loans for one of the star football players who was struggling to pay for college.

The loans that were being signed for added up to roughly \$22,000 over a two-year timeline.

Once President Dave Wolk caught wind of the violation, he felt he was obligated to report the incident to the NCAA. Had he not and had the NCAA found out about it, all Castleton athletics could have been jeopardized.

The incident has spoiled the excitement surrounding the now successful football team, which finished last season stronger than most could have expected.

Everyone has their own opinion and feelings about this issue, but there is one thing we can all agree on: What Coach Alerico did was wrong. There is nothing that makes this acceptable. It not only makes the football program look bad, but also our school, for not catching on to this sooner. Shame on us for letting something like this go on for so long without us having any knowledge of it.

As college students, we all struggle with financial aid and student loans. A lot of kids even have to drop out of school because they can't afford it. So the fact that this football player was getting special treatment because he was a star athlete is just unfair to all those kids who have fought long and hard financially to earn their spot in the classroom.

But let's get one thing straight, no one is here trying to destroy Coach Alerico as a person. In fact, most people who knew him thought of him as a great coach and role model, and many of his players admired him. No one is saying that he is a bad guy, but what he did in his position as head coach was wrong. End of story.

My heart goes out to the football team for all the adjustments they are going to have to make. They have not only lost a great coach, but a great player as well. I think I speak for everyone when I say that I hope the football team can overcome this hurdle and come back next season better than ever.

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Sounding Off

Reflections on Recent Events

Open Roads, Open Minds: Steve Uzzell

Question: "Chance favors the prepared mind" was one of the great quotes Mr. Uzzell discussed. Explain what that means to you..."

"...the more prepared someone is, the luckier they will be or seem. Half of any luck is being prepared and meeting it halfway. Mr. Uzzell's photographs and stories about waiting multiple days for one photo show us how being ready opens the window for chance to do the rest of the work. Photos as beautiful and breathtaking as his don't just happen..."

-Victoria Fearon

"...If you enter any situation with all the proper knowledge there is a greater opportunity chance will benefit you. The part of Mr. Uzzell's speech that demonstrated it best was when he was photographing the Delaware bridge. He put himself in a well prepared situation and took the photo of the two trucks against the sunset..."

-Jeffrey Paul

Evolutionary Psychology: John Klein

Question: Describe a moral conflict you have experienced that was decided more by an emotional sense than a rational decision.

"A moral conflict that I experienced was when I was in Afghanistan last year. I was in a village and talking to some children and an old man came up behind one of the girls and started to beat her. As a rule we weren't, as soldiers, allowed to interfere in domestic disputes. However, I couldn't stand idly by and watch him do this. Women were viewed as nothing, especially little

girls; and a lot of men, especially older men, did not like me. I was a woman with authority. I did stop him though and told him to go away, that she wasn't bothering me. I may have gotten in a little trouble afterwards, but it was worth it..."

-Sarah Huntley

"When I was living in Boston, I often came across homeless people begging for change. While talking to the clerk in the 711, he told me that the man outside was an alcoholic who collects money outside and spends it on booze in the store. Leaving, I felt that the man, although he may spend it on booze, deserved the change more than I did."

-Ian Toof

Upcoming Events

See Soundings web page for details. Some events will sell out, so get tickets soon.

- **Halau 'o Keiki** I, Wednesday, March 30, 7:00pm, Casella Theater, Ticket Required.
- **Dala Folk Music Workshop**, Tuesday, April 12, 12:30pm, Casella Theater.
- **Dala Performance**, Tuesday, April 12, 7:00pm, Casella Theater, Ticket Required.
- **3 Cups of Tea Workshop**, Thursday, April 14, 12:30pm, Casella Theater.
- **3 Cups of Tea Performance**, Thursday, April 14, 7:00pm, Casella Theater, Ticket Required.
- **Triple Play Blues Workshop**, Tuesday, April 19, 12:30pm, Casella Theater.
- **Triple Play Performance**, Tuesday, April 19, 7:00pm, Casella Theater, Ticket Required.



Lining up for a new addition at Huden

By Kayla Miller and
Emma Rudnick
Castleton Spartan

People are always complaining about the cafeteria food not being too tasty, but a recent installment has Castleton students salivating.

Pour, shut, flip and wait two minutes to hear a continuous beep to let you know your gigantic waffle is ready. A wide range of toppings on the side including ice cream, strawberries and whipped cream unfortunately causes the line to grow and leaves some students impatiently waiting near the end. But it's

worth it, they all agree.

"It's so busy, you really don't wanna stand behind 15 people," said Freshmen Brendon O'Leary. "That's the only big problem."

Aside from the wait, which led to suggestions that more waffle makers are needed, the warm smell of waffles and the sugary syrup has led to only positive feedback.

"The coffee house should be the waffle house!" said freshmen Alec Alspach laughing.

Alspach said he enjoys the fact that the waffles are available for "24-7 service," so no matter what time of day you

can always make one.

"If you don't like the hot meal, you get pizza... if you don't want pizza now you have another option," said O'Leary.

Sophomore Kyle Bannon said he too likes how it gives people more options. And like many other students, he said the waffles are better than most food at Huden.

But not all students are happy about waffle mania going on at Huden.

"Of course they got something cool when I don't have a meal plan," said junior Jessica Lawrenson, who now lives off campus.



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CSC students Nick Linguardo (top) and Camarie Spear (above) enjoy Huden's new waffle iron.

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3/6	Alcohol / Vandalism	Ellis Hall
3/7	Smoking (Hookah)	Adams Hall
3/8	Vandalism	Haskell Hall
3/8	Vehicle Damage	Ellis Lot
3/8	Dispute	Haskell Hall
3/8	Medical	Stafford
3/9	Trespassing	Babcock Hall
3/11	Car Damage	Chapel Lot
3/12	Broken Window	Wheeler Hall
3/12	Vandalism	North House
3/12	Vandalism	Babcock Hall
3/12	Vandalism	Ellis Lot
3/13	Intoxicated Guest	Castleton Hall
3/15	Intoxicated Guest	Wheeler Hall
3/16	Mischief / Theft	Observatory Lot
3/16	Medical	Audet House
3/16	Vandalism	Campus Center Lot
3/17	Misconduct	Adams Hall
3/17	Mischief	Observatory Lot
3/17	Vandalism	Haskell Hall
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3/18	Vandalism	Observatory Lot
3/18	Assault / Harassment	Wheeler Hall
3/18	NAT	Adams Hall
3/19	Drugs / Alcohol Confiscation	Babcock Hall
3/19	Alcohol Confiscated	Wheeler Hall
3/19	Arrest - Trespassing	Haskell Hall

Wayne's World



Wayne Thornton Jr.

What feels like a few short months ago, we were standing at orientation all wide eyed and a little lost. We were just starting our freshman year of college. Now, we are on the downhill slide, facing what's left until we become sophomores.

It's crazy to think that a year ago we were all seniors in high school. We were highest on the food chain, now we are lowly freshman again. Man, life sure works in a vicious cycle. I can remember saying last year, "Man I can't wait till I'm gone off to college." Now I'm saying, "Man this has gone by way too fast."

My mother once told me that the friends you make in high school stay in high school and the friends you make in college stay with you for life. Now I see what my mother meant. Over the last year, I've made tons of friends here at CSC, but with good times come the bad. Over the last year I've seen a lot of people come and go, but that's life I guess.

With the approach of summer vacation big questions arise like; what am I going to do over the summer? Am I going to work? Or am I going to try to get ahead and take some summer classes? Even though there are some big decisions to make in the short time till vacation, I'm confident that everybody will find their way.

And then just think, after this summer we will return to Castleton and start again.

This time we will be sophomores with some experience under our belts. Personally, I'm looking forward to coming back next year. I'm not looking forward to having to meet new people all over again, but that's a part of life.

Right now, I am putting the cart before the horse. We still have about a month and a half till we are done for the year. We still have a lot of time to work with lots of papers to write and tests to take. So like my football coach used to tell us: "It's the fourth quarter. Now is the time we leave it all on the field." So now is the time to leave it all in the classroom and leave this first year with no regrets. Good luck to my fellow freshman in the final quarter of your year.

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way you wish, but you
only spend it once.

-Lillian Dickson

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Judith Carruthers recommends the use of social media Web sites for job searching.

Job hunting tips for grads

By Ali Flewelling
Castleton Spartan

With May approaching quickly, Castleton seniors are anxious to put on their regalia and grab their degrees. But what awaits them once they leave? Judith Carruthers, Director of Career Development, helps students find the answer on a daily basis.

"I don't have time to keep records that's how many students have showed up to see me," said Carruthers. "Last year I served 950 students so this year it's probably about the same."

Castleton students have a variety of options to assist them while they are looking for jobs or thinking about attending graduate school. According to Carruthers, many of the tools a student needs to succeed can be found on the career development web site, including social media outlets such as Twitter and LinkedIn.

"People aren't used to marketing themselves, but most of the students here have so much to put on their resumes and employers are looking for all of that," she said.

But some students like Tiffany Briggs aren't ready to leave yet just yet.

"I am going back to get a degree in secondary education," said Briggs, a senior Math major. "Since there is no longer an Act II program I am continuing with the new education program and all I will have left is student teaching."

Briggs said that professors in the education and math departments are very instrumental in helping students look for job opportunities, so she will not be worried when the time comes.

Others have already found work.

Kelley Ballentine, a senior and Nursing major, currently works for Bayada

Nurses. For her, graduation will serve as a day off from her regular schedule.

"I am going to continue on the career path that I'm on," she said. "I'm looking into an administrative position in the health care field."

Like Briggs, Ballentine also has plans to further her education by getting a second degree in health science.

Ashleigh McDonough, a 2010 graduate of Castleton, said she still hasn't landed a fulltime job yet, but she is hopeful there is something out there for her.

"Since graduation I've been substitute teaching in many of the local elementary schools and I was a long-term substitute at Rutland Northeast, the school that I student taught at for six weeks," she said.

McDonough also said that keeping in touch with professors in the education department has been very

helpful.

"If you are graduating this year, start to get your name out there so potential employers know that you are interested. It may take a while before you find a job, but don't give up," she said.

Many students who were still on the fence about life after Castleton attended the career fair, which took place in the Glenbrook Gym yesterday.

According to Carruthers, it was the first career fair that has filled the gym in almost three years.

If you missed the career fair and are interested in seeking help, you can still visit with Carruthers. She has open clinics for the rest of the academic year.

"I want you to come and see me, I want to see your resume, how you talk, what you're going to wear," she said. "Come and talk to me about getting real life contacts."

Residency, please!

Commuter students find getting back onto campus both difficult and expensive.

By Jessica Lawrenson
Castleton Spartan

Room selection for some is a heart-thumping experience and a quest for the perfect room and roommate.

But for commuter students trying to get back on campus, it can be stressful — and costly.

Once students become commuters, they are not guaranteed a dorm room back on campus if they decide they want to come back. Last year, those commuters wanting back in the dorms had to pay a deposit and were then put on a wait list in case dorm rooms opened up.

But with more than 30 freshmen already placed at the Ramada Inn in Rutland because of a lack of dorm rooms, most of these wait-listed students were left without a dorm room, according to Michael Robilotto, director of residence life.

This year, commuters wanting to get back in the dorms are supposed to contact Robilotto to be put on a wait list instead of paying the deposit.

One commuter student, who asked to remain anonymous because she is looking for a job at the school, has already paid a room deposit for next semester. The student is graduating in December and does not want to sign another lease on the apartment she is currently living in.

"We weren't aware of that at the time we took the deposit," said account

receivable manager Betty Moyer.

But even with a deposit paid, the student isn't ensured of getting a room. To guarantee a room, Moyer said the student would have to buy a room for the remainder of this semester for \$25 a day plus a meal plan. The cheapest meal plan is eight meals a week, which would cost about \$16 a day.

"I think it's ridiculous they suggest you buy a room, but you won't be living in it because you are already paying for a place off campus," the student said.

Moyer said she has talked to five or so other students who are in the same boat.

Robilotto suggested that those who need housing or any short term living look at the "placefinder" link on the school Web site under residence life.

The school is trying to help avoid this problem in the future by building another residence hall for fall 2012, according to Robilotto.

Until then, the problem may persist.

"I don't know what the answer is until we get the new residence halls," Moyer said.

Even though it won't be completed until after the student graduates, the new residence hall seems to be the solution she was looking for.

"I really enjoy it here. I just wish they had housing to accommodate everyone," the student said.



Nat'l Anthem slip-ups

By Kylie Briggs & Steven Hagemann
Spartan Contributors

At Super Bowl XLV, millions of viewers witnessed a failed singing of our National Anthem. Christina Aguilera skipped the verse "For the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming" and moved directly on with the song.

"Something's wrong with that," Castleton State College music professor Glen Giles said during a recent interview.

And even beyond the flub, Giles said he didn't like the version. He said he didn't agree with how she approached the song. Giles mainly prefers the original format of the song, which has a quick tempo.

Isaac French, a Castleton choir singer who has performed the Anthem numerous times, had a tip to give Aguilera:

"Put emotion in everything," he said.

Like Giles, French agrees that the song wasn't sung the right way. French stated that Aguilera changed the melody, which made her sound worse. And some of the notes were not in key, he added.

But most students on campus didn't seem to catch the mistake during the anthem.

Many said they didn't hear the mistake until it was on the news the following day.

But like Giles and French, there were some who spotted the mistake right away and said her performance was one of the worst they've heard.

French said Whitney Houston's performance is still best in his mind.

"It gives me goose bumps," he said.

Castleton freshman Kaleb Gohkle said that one of his favorite National Anthem versions was sung by Kelly Clarkson at a Yankees-Rays baseball game.

"She has an angelic singing voice," he said.

When French was told that most students didn't even hear Aguilera's goof, he wasn't surprised.

But Giles was.

He talked about how disappointing it was that students don't know their own National Anthem.

"It bothers me," he said.

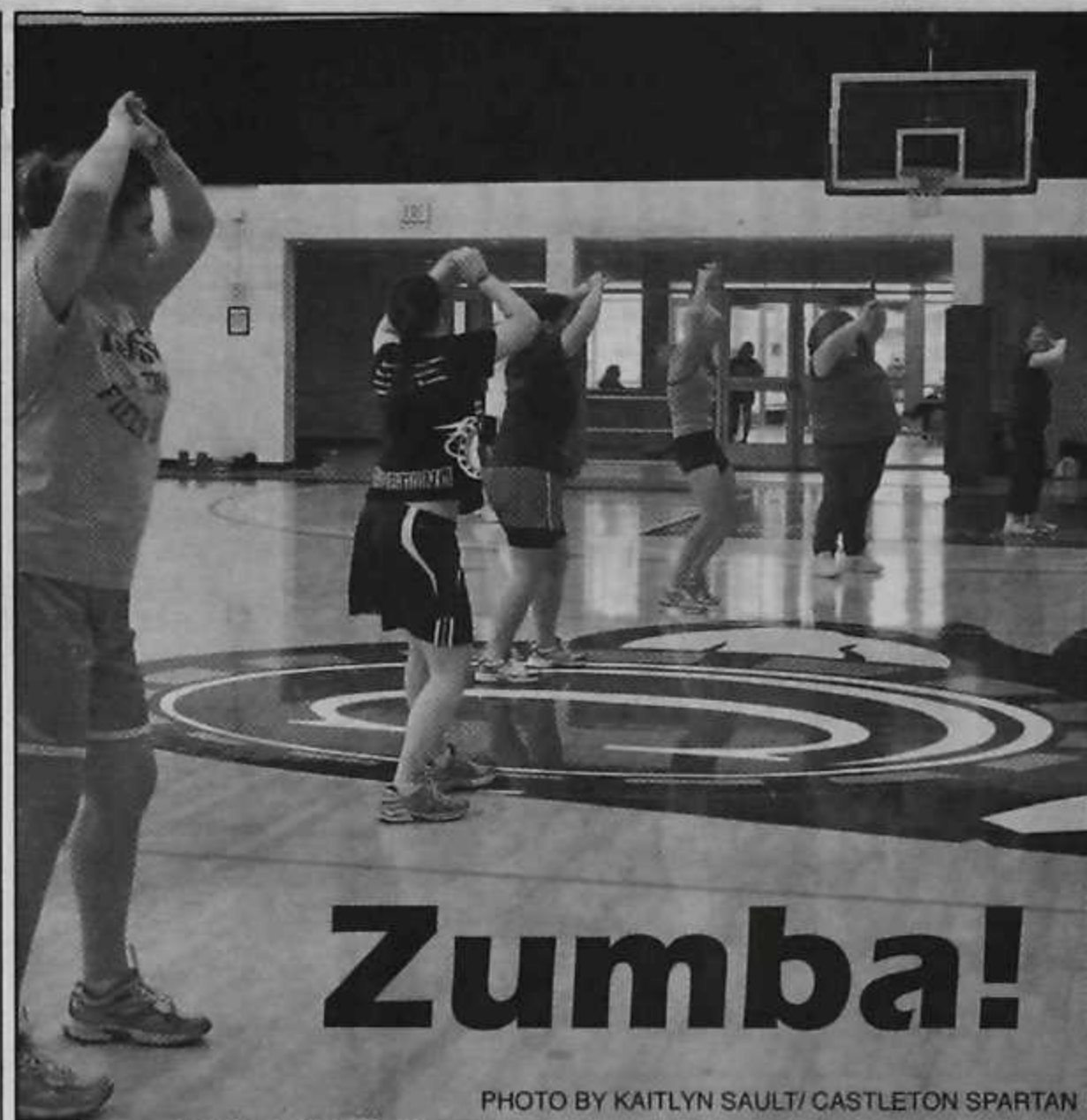


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By Alison Clark
Castleton Spartan

Ricky Martin's 'Livin' la Vida Loca' pulses through Glenbrook Gym as eight women shake their hips and pump their arms in the air.

The group stands in two uneven lines facing a smiling instructor whose feet zig, zag and twist in perfect time with the music. Her arms and legs fold and unfold as Ricky's hot Latin beat bounces off the high ceiling.

My feet tangle, my arms are up when hers are down, and I'm facing right when everyone else is facing left.

This is my first taste of Zumba.

Zumba, a modern aerobic-dance exercise, is one of the Wellness Activities offered on campus.

"It's like a dance party," said Melissa Shaw, a junior

who attends Zumba classes every week. "Everyone is dancing, having fun, and just enjoying themselves."

Fun is a word thrown around a lot by Zumba participants.

"This is fun," said Jacklyn Van Eck, a regular Zumba dancer. "I hate the gym. I get bored really easily. When there're people there around me, I'll push myself more. It's some of the same moves you'd do in the gym, but not running in place looking at the same thing. Or weight lifting - I hate weight lifting. But Zumba is different."

Zumba, as an alternative from the monotony of the gym, appeals to people.

"An hour of Zumba goes faster than an hour on the treadmill. Time just flies," Shaw said.

Getting lost in the rhythm of the dance attracts a lot

of people to Zumba, said Tracy Tedesco, the class's instructor and co-owner of Peak Performance Gym at the Howe Center in Rutland.

"It's popular because it doesn't feel like fitness. A lot of people want to do things that don't feel like drudgery. With Zumba they can focus on the steps and they have a Calgon moment and can't think about the fact that you're working out because you're focused on the steps," Tedesco said.

The steps are lightning fast and involve bouncing, spinning and shaking what you've got.

"Watch her feet," Erin Devost, a regular, said when asked for advice. "The footsteps are key. It takes a while to get it, if you keep going you learn more moves and it gets easier and better. But, really, just have

fun."

Some people are turned off by the dancing.

"A lot of people tell me they can't do it because they don't have rhythm," Tedesco said. "I want to break down that barrier: we all walk, we all breathe. That's rhythm. We all have rhythm."

Zumba, which means quick, blends Cardio to burn fat and core movements that are highlighted in Latin dance, Tedesco explains.

It all started when Alberto Perez, an aerobics teacher in Cali, Columbia, forgot music for his class. He had to improvise and teach the class using his own playlist of salsa and Latin music. He just did what he did: danced. And people loved it.

In overall participation, Zumba is the most popular Wellness Activity followed by yoga and kickboxing, according to Lyn Sawyer Director of Human Resources at Castleton. Sawyer is a member of the Castleton Wellness Committee, which was responsible for all the Wellness Activities.

She is also a regular Zumba-er.

"The first time we did Zumba, we laughed hysterically," Sawyer said. "The music was so motivating and I thought, 'Am I exercising?' It's just dancing and moving around."

Many people are self-conscious about looking foolish, Sawyer said.

"Just come and have fun. Don't think anyone is watching you-we're not."

Tedesco warns her students not to take themselves too seriously.

"There's no right or wrong way," she said. "If you're moving you're doing something right. Relax, have fun, and goof it up!"

'A Chorus Line' shines

Photos by Emma Rudnick



By Jessica Lawrenson
Castleton Spartan

The lights dim down, the orchestra begins to play, the yellow curtain rises and 30 pairs of shoes move in unison. A Chorus Line has begun.

The play takes place at an audition to be in a chorus line in a Broadway show. It has comical moments and moments where it really pulls at your heart. The topics brought up range from puberty, ethnicity, professional struggles, homosexuality and overall life struggles. And all this done while singing and dancing.

Screams of "WOO" and loud clapping broke out multiple times throughout this musical after individual songs. This energetic show, once preformed on Broadway,

has become a hit at Castleton thanks to an abundance of energy it provides from the talent.

"It's such high energy and it gets better every night," said senior performer Chris Pike, who played Al.

The energy in the choreography caught the attention of student Zak Mayo.

"It was quite entertaining," said Mayo, who admittedly is not a play-type person. "It was an overall good performance."

The accolades and applause is rewarding for theater professor Harry McEnery, who directed

the show.

"All of the work was worth it," said McEnery, who added that it wasn't easy.

There was frustration, broken toes, injured ankles and trips to the hospital along the way, he said.

The cast had to learn to tap dance, be in unison along with other moves and sing at the same time, McEnery said.

"All of the dancing with singing took so much stamina," said junior Kenzie McCain, who plays Sheila.

The songs and dancing went well together and freshman Ari Kinder said she really enjoyed the show.

President Dave Wolk said A Chorus Line in the '70s on Broadway, but he said he believes Castleton's rendition is better.

It is a unique show, said Wolk, who is urging all on campus to catch one of the performances. It is the longest show Castleton has featured at 110 minutes with no intermission.

Wolk enjoys the show so much that he has gone to one rehearsal, two dress rehearsals and plans on attending all performances.

"I am very proud of all the students, faculty and staff," said Wolk.

"Everyone should come and see it. It is worth it," said McEnery.

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I'm an Ophi... what?

By Robert Stover
Spartan Contributor

It's 2011. Do you know what your sign is?

The new year is here, and so is a new change in our astrological chart.

Astrologists around the world were excited to hear the news that a new constellation of stars was found in the night sky. They have called this constellation Ophiuchus, from the Greek *Ὠφιοῦχος*, meaning "serpent-bearer," and it is represented as a man grasping the snake that is represented by the constellation Serpens, according to an article in Time.com.

College professor Parke Kunkle, of the Minnesota Planetarium Society, says that the constellation was always there, it just wasn't in the same viewable position.

"Ophiuchus has been a constellation for years and it just gets left out," Kunkle said.

Because of this astrological find, astrologers had to make room in the astrological chart to compensate for the new sign. This compensation caused a shift in signs that has brought much confusion throughout the world.

People are confused why they have to switch signs because of this.

If you just so happen to be a Pisces, then you will probably be surprised to hear that you are now an Aquarius. But there are people out there who are

a little skeptical about the change.

"What?" Castleton Alumni Kim Stone said when told she was now a Sagittarius. "I am, and always will be a Capricorn. I don't care what they say."

The sudden change in the astrological sign chart that so many people have been following for years has also been affecting the mood of professional astronomers in negative ways.

"I am too snobbish an astrologer to even bother to look at the new system," astrologist Annette Larson from Rutland says. "The way I see it, we've been using the same 12 zodiacal signs for several thousand years, long enough for our collective unconscious to get thoroughly imprinted, so inventing a new sign is totally irrelevant to me."

A poll, released by Quizilla.com, revealed that not too many people like the change. The poll explains that 50 percent of 87 people interviewed said "No way!" to the new sign. Only 16 percent of those 87 people said that "change is good" and that they don't mind the change.

Amanda Thompson, of Wallingford, is one of those who does not mind a little astrological change.

"Why not add another month to compensate for the new sign?" she said giggling. "Another month during summer would be nice."

Music Review: Ministry of Magic

By Megan Davis
Castleton Spartan

With the DVD release of Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1 right around the corner, I decided to take the time to review something that not a lot of people know about. Ministry of Magic, one of the only successful Wrock (Wizard Rock) bands to come out of the age of Harry Potter, isn't a new band, but it's one that definitely deserves some recognition.

One of the many things that separates Ministry of Magic from other Wrock bands like Harry and the Potters or Draco and the Malfoys is the fact that it's actually euphonic. You can listen to it without thinking these people just picked up instruments, or decided they knew how to sing yesterday. They combine regular band instruments like drums and guitars while throwing in a lot of synth as well. Another thing that sets them apart is what the band actually decides to sing about.

I know what you're thinking; "they sing about Harry Potter, duh." Well yeah, but they choose to sing strictly about the things that have happened in the books, staying true to JK Rowling's words and ideas. For people who have read all of the books, it's a relieving feeling knowing that you can understand the songs in a way that those who have only seen the movies can't. On the other hand, perhaps it's a bit of a



downfall on the band's part as well, shrinking their demographic in that sense.

For this particular demographic, however, it really enhances the experience.

The album that relates most to the movie being released on April 15 is Goodbye Privet Drive. This album takes things that are found out in the seventh book and turns them into catchy, well-written, emotional songs. It's evident through the lyrics of the songs that they take time to really examine the events in Harry Potter that they're singing about.

Spoiler alert! Goodbye Privet Drive covers events and characters of Harry Potter that you may not want to listen to if you haven't finished the book yet! The album covers everything from Severus Snape in 'Bravest Man I Ever Knew' to the deaths of certain characters in 'Falling Sidecar' and 'A Phoenix Lament.'

If you are part of that smaller, dedicated-to-the-books demographic, you should do yourself a favor and listen to not only this album, but all of the Ministry of Magic's work to this point.

Game Review: Beyond Good and Evil

By Nick Minarik
Castleton Spartan

I got a breath of fresh air when I was choosing what game to review this week because one of my favorite original Xbox games just got revamped and re-released on all major consoles with an HD makeover. It's not any new ground, but this under-appreciated gem of a game is well worth the revisit.

Beyond Good and Evil HD is simply that; Beyond Good and Evil with a graphical makeover that makes the animations and edges look incredibly smooth, even on an HD TV. You play as Jade, a girl who looks to be in her early twenties who is apparently an excellent martial-artist, professional gymnast and photographer on the side. Of course, the game doesn't give you much back story, so that was all just speculation. Jade and her friend Pey'j (who happens to be a pig) must take it on their shoulders to save the planet of Hillys from the evil alien forces of the Domz.

At face value, it sounds terribly boring. But the developers at Ubisoft made the experience fresh in so many ways, even before the story picks up. I'm tempted to give away the plot developments because they're what make the game so excellent, but they're well done enough that you have to play the game yourself to find out.

In a generation of games like Mass Effect 2 and Fall-

out 3, a lot of the qualities that made this game amazing will be overlooked. This was one of the first games to successfully pull off an open-world experience, and even though the graphics show age, the innovation should still be apparent to anyone who's been gaming since the early aughts.

There's enough material in the game to make the world seem open, but not too much that you throw your life away with side quests. As opposed to Mass Effect 2, there's a point in this game where putting around in the free world won't be worth anything anymore and you have to advance the story. I'd be surprised if anyone even reached that point though, because the plot is one that makes you want to find out what happens next; it's a page-turner in videogame form.

From the quirky characters and dialog ("The wimps, the weak, and the wusses still have 3 seconds to get the hell out of here, and back to your knitting!"), to the fairly serious and borderline political commentary plot, there's so much to love about this game.

It's available in some form on every console since Xbox, so there's no excuse for not showing the developers of this marvelous experience some love. Don't let the \$10 price tag give you any false ideas about the quality. Instead, let it be one more draw to a fantastic gaming experience.

NYC school trip

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gan Davis, found it the conference to give her more comfort as a journalist, especially as she prepares to take over editor duties of Castleton Spartan next semester.

"I feel better prepared to take on editor next year," said Davis.

It wasn't all work though. The group was able to go out and have some laughs while in the city.

While walking to dinner the first night, Arnot screamed and jumped on a homeless man to hug him. He turned out to be her prom date from three years while in high school. Arnot explained later on that night that he isn't really homeless but goes to Manhattanville College. He still managed to get \$20 out of junior Wyatt Aloisio for playing him a song.

"That was the highlight of the trip," said editor John Shramek while chuckling.

Others got more of a laugh from going to a comedy club when they saw five comedians do their stand-up routine in a basement after buying tickets off the street.

"Despite the fact that it was sketchy, it was still a good time that we wouldn't have gotten anywhere else," said Davis.

Page Designer Traci Hubbell went to New York City for the first time on this trip and just felt overwhelmed while walking around the city.

"You get ADD because the billboards, shops and lights are distracting. I felt like a goldfish," said Hubbell after her return.

There was one thing most who went on the trip agreed on; they all wanted to stay for the last day of the convention.

"I wish we could have stayed longer. The sessions were so informative and interesting, I wanted to go to more," said Clark.

Student's controversial comment

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quest for this story, had served his military term and honorably discharged from service.

Sitting beside Cote that night was junior Nicole Mastropasqua, his girlfriend. Though she had heard James talk of his experiences before, she had never heard anything "to that extent" from him.

"He was trying to say the government performs grievances every day on our citizens," said Mastropasqua. "He was ridiculed for it and that's wrong. Castleton students should be ashamed of themselves."

After that evening, she described Cote as feeling as though he had been labeled and ostracized by students for what he had said despite not "articulating himself correctly."

A week after the Soundings event, members of the Secret Service arrived on campus and removed Cote from class to speak with him. An agent also contacted Mastropasqua.

Secret Services officials said they would return a phone call for this story, but did not.

"People next to me said, 'Oh my God, I hope he doesn't have a gun,'" said freshman Carly Legasse, who attended the speech. "The way I took it was hyperbole. I think he was being emotional, trying to show how strongly he felt about the situation."

Legasse also stated that she was upset students around reacted with laughter during Cote's response.

"It was sorta shocking, I mean saying you tried to kill someone is a big deal,"

said junior Maria Arnot. "And then he kept going with it, despite obvious concern from the audience. No one in there had been through what he had experienced. Most people were not expecting that."

For his term, Cote had served had served as a paratrooper.

"It's really hard, I think, for veterans to speak of past experiences in the military," said Mastropasqua. "Sometimes it doesn't come out the way that you expect it and that's probably part of the reason why students don't say anything. They're waiting for somebody else to do it like Mr. Cote."

Mastropasqua said she's a little perturbed and curious at being contacted by the Secret Service.

"I want to know who released my information," said Mastropasqua. "I thought I had confidentiality rights."

Some members of the faculty and administration, like some students, believe Cote had the right to speak out against leaders of government, whether or nor in seditious context.

"I have a strong belief in free speech, extreme or otherwise, to discuss controversial matter," said Dean of Students Dennis Proux. "Especially in a context of an academic setting. If there is a threat, the college will take action."

During Cote's speech, he made no indication of outward violence or anger toward any of his fellow classmates or professors.

"We should be talking about controversial things," said Proux. "We're trying to help people shape opinion, to help frame opinions."

Scott Dikeman

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when I saw the job opportunity, I knew I had to take it," said Dikeman. "It's a great chance to be more involved with the college on a much deeper level. I have never worked in the educational setting before, so there will be a learning curve on that side, but the hardest part will be filling Bill Allen's shoes. He has done an amazing job," he said.

As dean of administration, Dikeman will oversee the business office, IT, facilities and the college store. He has been shadowing Allen for the past week.

"He's got a lot of skills that he will bring to the table. He will do great things for this job," said Allen. "He's a quick learner. It will be a good change—sometimes change is good."

CASTLETON CHRONICLES : TAKE THAT TINKERBELL!

By Laela Warnecke
Castleton Spartan

The folds of imagination encompass the cloak of childhood. An eye patch transforms one into a pirate and linens draped over the back of a daybed quickly become the confines of a castle kingdom. This guised reality creates a utopia of sorts, a world where anything is possible.

Most children happily ride this wave of fancy, but for Amber Dumas, a Castleton freshman, ignorance was not bliss. As an 8-year-old, Dumas struck out to uncover the boundary between fantasy and reality — emphasis on *strike*.

It was a Tuesday mid-morning and Ms. B's third grade class was gathered in a circle on the carpeted library floor. It was story time, a favorite among her peers. The smiling small-fries waited with eager patience. The librarian, a woman known in the hallways for being the best storyteller around, walked into the room with an antique-looking book in hand. "The Fairy Book" was its name and the students bobbed up and down like apples on their Indian-style legs in anticipation. The librarian opened the book, jointly opening the children's imaginations to the existence of fairies.

"It was like they were hooked," Amber remembers. "Of course it was fun to listen to the little stories about fairies, but even back then I knew they weren't real ... Can't really say the same for everyone else and what happened next was scary."

Over the course of the next few days, a new fad took over the school. Every child, boy and girl alike, strode the hallways with hovering hands. No, they weren't holding the pose after blowing a kiss or practicing for future table-waiting days. In "actuality," their hands were vacated

by fairies. They talked to these fairies, calling them by name. They knew their fairies' ages and favorite colors; they knew everything that needed to be known.

Dumas was confused by this phenomenon. She remembers thinking, "What the crap? I see no fairy." Nonetheless, she went along with the whole ordeal for a few days, silently questioning the sanity of her peers and she did her best to ignore the fact that Benjamin got two cookies at snack time because his fairy had missed breakfast.

A fairy cult was forming in her classroom, but she refused to drink the Kool-Aid.

Yet, as the weeks progressed and the fairies remained, Amber began to silently question her own sanity. Was there something wrong with her? Why couldn't she see what everyone else was seeing?

She did everything she could. She tore through fairy books in the library. She squeezed her eyes shut and told

herself she believed. She even went as far as consulting with the librarian, who told her with a Kodak smile how silly she was. "Your fairy is there in your hand. Don't you see her?"

It was time for Dumas to get to the bottom of it once and for all! She decided during recess that she would have a logical discussion with Melissa, the leader of the fairy pack. She remembers it all. She stood with composure and asked Melissa matter-of-factly if there truly was a fairy on her hand.

"Of course there is!" the girl replied with eyes full of stars. "Don't you see her?"

Dumas decided to take a different angle. She picked up a rock from the playground and placed it in her hand. "See this rock? See how it's in my hand? See how it's real? Now tell me again. Is there REALLY a fairy in your hand?" By now the rock was clenched in her tiny fist.

Melissa beamed once more, this time with eyes fixed upon her hand. "I'm sorry. She didn't mean to hurt your feelings." She stroked invisible hair and shook her head in disbelief at the rudeness of her classmate. Melissa had most definitely consumed the Kool-Aid.

That was it. Dumas cracked. She canonized her hand into the air and pummeled her still-clenched fist into the hand of Melissa. "Oh yeah? Well, she's dead now!"

It's 10 years later and Dumas still cracks up at the closure of this story. "I remember everyone hated me for a while. I was the fairy killer. But it was definitely worth it." Today, she continues to stick with her gut feeling and refuses to believe everything she hears.

"I don't literally go around crushing falsified beliefs anymore," she admits. "But I still go with what I know."



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Students walk and drive to class during the snow storm on Monday, the first day of spring.

Commuters' winter woes

By Courtney Parker
Spartan Contributor

Commuter students this winter have been faced with the dilemma of taking on the some non-ideal road conditions or missing classes on an almost daily basis. For on-campus students, it became a task just to walk to class or go to the local Laundromat.

The cold weather, non-stop snow and icy roads led to snow days and dwindling attendance in classes that were held.

Rob Stover, a sophomore, knows first-hand the complications that the snow can bring about for a commuter. Missing a total of five classes in two weeks, he said he has endured about every winter hardship possible.

Living in Rutland, Stover has about a 20-minute drive to get to school. But many times this winter he had to leave more than 45 minutes early just to make it to class on time. Leaving

this early means less sleep and longer days for Stover, but time wasn't the only thing slowing him down.

Stover drives an old Ford Escort with no snow tires, which when mixed with the heavy amounts of snow, ice and slush, has proved to be nothing but trouble. Sometimes it was just the cold that slowed him down.

"There has been a few days when the car simply wouldn't start," Stover said, explaining that the low temperatures killed his car battery.

But a dead battery was the least of his worries on his way to class one morning. That day, his car spun out of control in heavy slush and left him stranded in a snow bank.

Missing too many classes weighs heavily on Stover's mind and he said he tries to keep his teachers informed on his inconvenient reasons for missing class.

"I e-mailed my teacher

from the snow bank so he would know why I wasn't there," he said.

Many of his teachers have understood and worked with Stover on missed assignments, but his inability to show up in class still counts as an absence.

Steven Josselyn, another Castleton State College commuter, was also left with car damage due to snow. He hit black ice on the highway on his way to Castleton from Rutland and smashed into a guard rail. Josselyn was not harmed — but his car was another story.

The damage cost him more than \$2,000. "I should have just stayed home, I missed all my classes anyways," he said.

Professor David Blow knows what it is like commuting back and forth from Castleton, making an hour drive from his Queensbury, N.Y. home. Blow, along with many other teachers, have to face similar road

conditions as students yet seem to have a better attendance rate.

Blow admits that it has been a fairly rough winter but he said "sometimes students can be opportunists and use the weather as an excuse for skipping class."

But while some dread the heavy snowfall others could not be happier. Many students attend this school simply because it is near some of the greatest mountains in Vermont. Kevin Grassi, a junior, lives for the snowfall and can't wait to get to the mountain whenever possible.

"The college being so close to the mountain is a huge plus to going here," Grassi said.

Grassi also openly admits that he would easily skip a whole day of classes for a good powder day up at the mountain.

"There's nothing that can stand between me and some fresh powder."

Spartans go 1-3 in Va.

By Hannah Messer
Castleton Spartan

The Spartans softball team battled in Virginia last weekend for a series of four games during the Roanoke Valley Softball Bash. The Spartans returned home winning one game and dropping the other three.

In Castleton's first game against the Ferrum College Panthers, the first time playing outside all season, the Spartans fell short 7-1.

A key player for Castleton in the game was Caylee Fleury, a sophomore who went 2-for-2.

The Spartans were the only team in the tournament to score a run against the Panthers thanks to an RBI single by junior Hannah Greene that drove Fleury in during the third inning.

For the Panthers, a big asset to their game was

sophomore Shelby Hall, who went 3-for-4 out of the leadoff spot with two runs and one RBI.

"We were hitting the ball really far," Spartan coach John Werner says. "[That] was really good for it being our first time outside all season."

Taylor Lively, who suffered the loss on seven innings of work, pitched for Castleton, yielding 11 hits and seven runs (six earned).

In game two against the Averett University Cougars, the Spartans suffered their second loss 3-0.

However, sophomores Megan Blongy and Mercedes Maltbie, junior Shannon Jipner, and senior Julie Benzenberg all collected hits.

Sophomore pitcher Nicole DeFilippo earned her sixth win for the Cougars, striking out five batters while allowing zero walks.

Sophomore Emily

Sweeney took the mound for the Spartans, throwing six innings. She allowed seven hits, three earned runs, one walk and struck out one.

Castleton also suffered another loss to the Peace College Pacers, falling 8-0 in a five-inning game.

Freshman Margy Kerschner went 1-for-1 against the Pacers, giving the Spartans their lone hit of the game.

"Our biggest problem was that we kept hitting the ball to people," says Werner.

Lively pitched for the Spartans, taking the loss on five innings. She allowed eight hits, eight runs (five earned), three walks and five strikeouts.

In the Spartans final game against the Emory and Henry College Wasps, the Spartans blew past the Wasps, taking a win of 10-2.

Benzenberg and Maltbie



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Castleton's Mercedes Maltbie cranks her first home run of the season against Emory and Henry.

went a combined 8-for-8 that day, each launching a home run for the Spartans.

"[Maltbie's] home run in the first inning really started us off in that game," says Werner. "We really came together after that."

Jipner contributed with a two-run double while Sarah Flore went 1-for-4 that game with two runs scored and one RBI.

Sweeney pitched for Castleton, throwing six innings in that game.

"When we go south, we see these teams have been outside for at least a month, and we're not used to that," Werner said. "We're just not used to the height of the ball."

The Spartans softball team also had four away games this past weekend, blowing past Wentworth, 16-0 and 14-2 on Sunday.

On Saturday, Castleton fell short 3-2 and 10-0 in a double header against Coast Guard.

Junior All-American pitcher Hayley Feindel led Coast Guard to two wins in the circle, allowing just four hits and no earned runs over 13 innings of work and striking out 26 total batters.

Castleton travels to Southern Vermont on March 24 with game one of the twinbill starting at 3 pm and to Skidmore on Sunday, March 27 with first pitch of game one at 1 p.m.

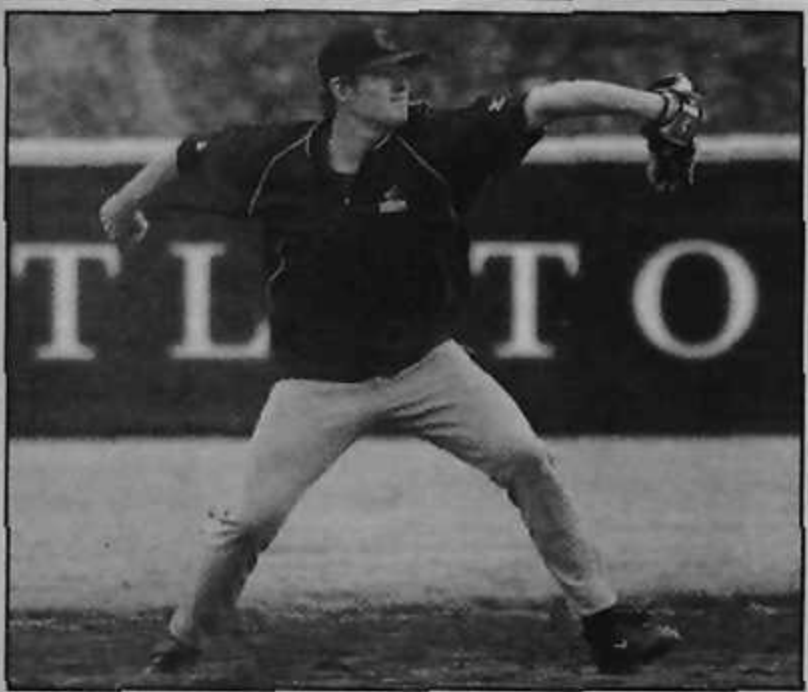


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Pitcher Matt Greene warms up last spring.

Baseball splits with Coast Guard Acad.

By Shawn Medeiros
Castleton Spartan

With a win finally under their belt, the 1-8 Spartans are just looking to get on the field consistently -- New England weather permitting of course.

"We expect that once we can get out and play on a somewhat regular basis, we will begin to improve," said head coach Ted Shipley. "By us playing once a week, like we basically have in the early part of this season, we have struggled to develop our comfort zone."

Castleton looked comfortable enough in game one of its doubleheader against Coast Guard last Sunday as the Spartans strung together a seven-run fifth inning to claim its first victory of the season, 8-5.

Ahead 1-0 after four innings, Castleton catcher Mathew Pause led off with a walk, advanced to second on a wild pitch and then the rally ensued. With bases loaded, left fielder Matt Eisenhuth walked to make it 2-0 and Zak Mayo followed with an RBI single to push the score to 3-0. Ben Schoeneberger and Pause capped the rally as Schoeneberger notched a two-run single and Pause brought home a run with a double for an 8-0 score.

The Bears responded in the sixth with a five-run inning as Eddie Kalankiewicz, Cameron Carroll and Eric Gerken all had RBI singles in the frame. Ed Sella made it 8-5 with a pinch hit sacrifice fly to center field, but that's where Coast Guard's rally ended.

Senior pitcher Seth Harrington closed the door in the ninth inning for his first save of the season allowing two hits while striking out one batter. Tyler Erickson picked up his first win

of the season for the Spartans on the bump going six innings, yielding six hits, five earned runs, one walk and nine punchouts.

"For the most part we played pretty good in game one," said Shipley. "[We] got a good pitching performance out of Tyler Erickson and we strung together some hits for the first time all season, so that was a plus."

In game two tied at 2-2 in the bottom of the sixth, the Bears used a leadoff walk from Kalankiewicz to steal a split with Castleton.

"The old leadoff walk came back to hurt us as that guy [Kalankiewicz] ended up scoring," said Shipley. "We also helped them with an error to allow them to score two runs."

After Kalankiewicz walked and advanced to second on a sacrifice groundout, Mike Salerno smacked a double to plate Kalankiewicz for the eventual game-winning run. Sella added an insurance run with an RBI single to make it 4-2.

Castleton threatened in the top of the seventh with the tying run at second base with two outs, but first baseman Joe Borowski ripped a comebacker to pitcher Tyler Vieira to end the game.

"If we can get to a point where we are playing regularly and everyone is healthy, this team can become a good one," said Shipley after splitting with Coast Guard. "We have some big regional games this weekend with Worcester State and Johnson and Wales, hopefully the weather will cooperate because we need to play."

The Spartans play the Lancers on Saturday, March 26 with game one at 12 p.m. and the Wildcats on Sunday, March 27 at noon.

Men place 11th at Nationals

Mike DelDotto
Castleton Spartan

The Castleton men's ski team placed three spots ahead of last season's finale, finishing in 11th out of 21 teams, on Saturday, March 12 in Sun Valley, Idaho. Sun Valley hosted this year's United States Collegiate Ski and Snowboard Association National Championships. The men made the trip this year without the women's team, which did not qualify.

The Spartans finished with 23 points.

Castleton junior Robert Burke had the best finish for the Spartans and placed 22nd overall, finishing 36th in the Giant Slalom and 29th in the Slalom. Junior

Bobby Jones placed 29th out of the 113 skiers.

Burke had a two-run time of 1:29.48 in the Slalom and Jones was right behind him with 1:44.57.

Rocky Mountain College of Montana finished first with 4 points, while Plymouth State University came in second with 6 and Sierra Nevada College in third with 6.5.

Swede, Olle Friberg of Rocky Mountain placed first overall in the individual column with 9.31 points, while Canadians Mike Bisnaire (18.74) of the University of British Columbia and Christopher Beadon (19.51) of Plymouth finished second and third, respectively.

The Spartans have

cracked the top-ten twice before in 2008 and 2009 with their best finish com-

ing in 2008 when they placed eighth in the Nationals.



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Bobby Burke competes at the National Championships in Sun Valley, Idaho.

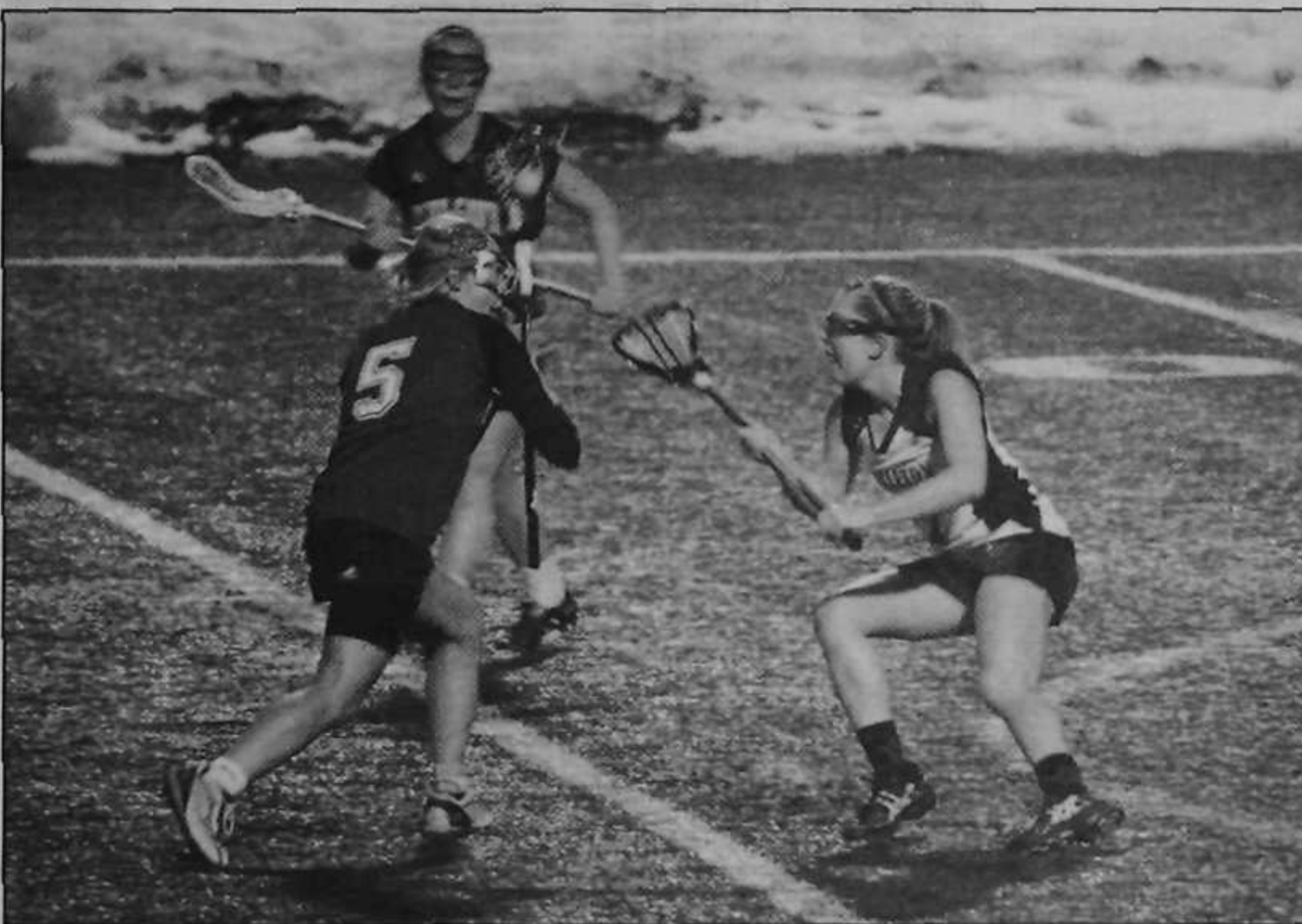


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(Top) Castleton attackman Cori Healy tries to steal the ball from Colby-Sawyer's Kate Rial (5).

Lax beats Colby-Sawyer

By Kristie Dunchus
Castleton Spartan

The women's lacrosse team defeated Colby-Sawyer College 19-10 Thursday evening at Spartan Stadium with help from senior Marie Van Der Kar, who had a massive night for Castleton. She scored seven goals, adding to her title as Castleton's all-time leading scorer.

Freshman Amanda Flodstrom was next in line in the scoring column for the Spartans with four goals while Angelica Mazzola chipped in three.

Liz Haggerty and Katelyn Nardini each had two goals and JenniLee Mark added one.

Van Der Kar now has 199 career goals and will likely surpass the unprecedented and 200th career goal. She is on pace to crack the top 20 all-time leading goal-scorers in Division III history.

The first half of March 17's game appeared to be in Colby-Sawyer's fa-

vor.

They led 6-4 with just under 13 minutes remaining in the first half.

According to Van Der Kar, after some inspiring words from the coaches, the team quickly picked up their intensity.

"We started off a little weak. We weren't really playing our game and we were letting Colby-Sawyer dictate the play," Van Der Kar said.

Head coach Tammy Landon agrees with Van Der Kar and said when the team met at halftime she told them they weren't playing to their fullest potential and they needed to make better decisions and play the way they are capable of.

"I told them this isn't the Castleton lacrosse team. We can play a lot better. We were sloppy," Landon said.

The Spartans did just that and went on to score seven straight goals to take control of the contest.

Mark scored and initiated the run

while Mazzola added all three of her goals to capitalize on the surge.

"We put together a good explosion of goals," Landon said. "I think the girls responded very well."

Van Der Kar also added a game-high eight ground balls and six caused turnovers to key the Spartan transition game that finished 15-for-22 on clear attempts.

This was the first home game for the Spartans, who have had more than one game postponed this season already due to the weather.

Van Der Kar said she and her team were very excited to finally get outside and to be able to play on the turf. "It felt great to be playing out there with our fans supporting us. It feels like our season has finally really started," she said.

The Spartans improved to 1-1, while Colby-Sawyer fell to 1-3. Castleton returns to action March 26 at 1 p.m. when they will take on Elms College at Spartan Stadium.



STUNNING LOSS

Spartans still searching for first victory

By Mike DelDotto
Castleton Spartan

Another strong start meets another upsetting loss. For the second game in a row, the Castleton men's lacrosse team dropped a game they led at halftime. Both games were 9-8 losses, the most recent coming Saturday at Spartan Stadium in the hands of rival Plymouth State University in the home opener for the Spartans.

Castleton came out flying, taking a 3-0 lead at the end of the first quarter, with attackman Kenny Bourneuf striking twice for his first two scores of the season. Fellow attackman Alex Green sent home his sixth while killing a man-down opportunity for the Panthers.

Green struck again on a man-up midway through the second quarter, while Plymouth added its first three scores. Castleton went into halftime with a 4-3 lead.

"We definitely came out strong," Castleton coach Brian Kingsbury said. "I don't know what happened in the second half."

Castleton attackman Nohea King opened up the scoring in the third quarter with his fourth of the season, but it was all Panthers, who rattled off four-straight goals and won the quarter 4-2. Green sent home his eighth goal and third of



PHOTO BY EMMA RUDNICK / CASTLETON SPARTAN
(Top) Castleton sophomore Alex Brands (4) battles with senior defense-man Justin Dube (19) and sophomore midfielder Devon Smith (5) for a groundball. (Center) Spartans midfielder Will Stuhler (32) evades a Plymouth State junior midfielder Jared Woodell (31).

the game with eight ticks left in the period.

Kingsbury said the Castleton defense had created many opportunities for the Plymouth offense.

"We didn't clear the ball that well and we had a lot of turnovers," Kingsbury said. "But we won the faceoff battle which was good."

The fourth quarter was the same for the Spartans, who finished the game with an alarming 41 turnovers to Plymouth's

29. The Panthers outshot the Spartans 9-to-6 in the fourth quarter and 36-to-18 on the game. Castleton goalie Dave DeGhetto managed to hold Plymouth to just one goal and after Green's ninth of the season and fourth of the game, the Spartans were down just 8-7.

Castleton long-stick midfielder Alex Brands made a play for the ages with a minute to go in regulation. Brands was taken one-on-one by a Plymouth

player and he through a one-handed wrap check with the six-foot-long defensive stick which jarred the ball loose.

"His stick was so far out to the side," recalled Brands, who played short-stick midfield last season. "There was no other way to do it. I used my shortie instincts and went for the wrap."

Brands picked up the loose ball and sprinted for open field until switching the stick from his right

hand to his dominant left handed grip and ripped a shot using all the momentum of the six-foot-long pole to tie it at 8-8.

Brands said that he felt relieved that he scored and tied it up.

"I was just glad the whole shift was over," he said. "It was exhausting."

The plan was to try and get a faceoff win and hold the ball for the final shot for the Spartans. Plymouth had other plans.

"We were trying to set up something for a game-winner, but obviously that didn't happen," Kingsbury said.

Castleton midfielder A.J. Groot was streaking to the net when he was trail-checked by Plymouth defender Justin Dube. Justin Vercruysse corralled the loose ball dished it to Andrew Ericksen who snapped a full-field pass to an unmarked Stephen Patch. Patch put away his first of the season with two seconds remaining to defeat Castleton.

"It was a team we should have beaten, and we beat ourselves," Kingsbury said.

Kingsbury also added that they needed to learn from the game before they move forward. The Spartans have a tough opponent in Colby tomorrow at Spartan Stadium, weather permitting.

The Spartans fall to 0-3, while Plymouth improves to 2-1.

Men's tennis sweeps weekend matches

By Kayla Miller
Castleton Spartan

Castleton State College men's tennis team defeated Sage and Johnson State this past week, bringing its record to 3-1.

On March 17, the Spartans continued to show their overall talent when three double matches with Justin Garritt, and Kevin Eisenberg, Calvin Henry and Willie Levine, Adam McCaffery and Eric Slosek ended in 8-0 victories against Sage.

The single matches resulted in Castleton winning six matches straight. Garritt went up against Mackenzie Riley after beating her and teammate Jaret Falkowitz in the double's match and sent Riley home with another loss. Levine went up against Octavia Gales, one of two females on Sage's team, and managed to pull through with another point towards Castleton.

"I was surprised that there was a girl on the team, but she actually ended up being alright," said Levine. "It was closer then the score indicated."

On March 19, the men had their first conference match against Johnson State. The matches ended in yet another win for Castleton.

"We're 3-1 overall, but we're undefeated in conference," said Levine.

Altogether the match scores were a little closer than the ones against Sage, Garritt and Eisenberg defeated Ryan Joy and Alen Turan 9-7 in doubles play. The other two doubles matches weren't as close as Levine and Henry defeated their opponents 8-3 and McCaffery and Slosek defeated their opponents 8-0.

The singles were overall the same, mainly between 6-0 or 6-2, letting the Spartans walk out with a 1-0 record in the North Atlantic Conference.

The Spartans' next match is on March 25 at Green Mountain, but March 31's match is against their rivals, Norwich University.

"I mean it's looking pretty good so far since this is my first season. I'm not entirely sure what other teams have to offer," said McCaffery. "I'm excited to see what we have to give."

It's spring sports time at CSC



By Mike DelDotto
Castleton Spartan

Spring is in the air. Well not here, but you know how it is. I want to go on record and say this was a lousy winter. I love snowboarding and will continue doing it into April until Killington closes, but I hate taking the mountain with me.

That's what it was, a

winter tundra out front of my place on Main Street.

So we welcome, along with some sun and greenery, the spring sports season at Castleton.

The men's lacrosse repeating as North Atlantic Conference champions is the biggest no brainer of the spring.

Lax hasn't lost a conference game to the current NAC opponents since 2004 and secured two shutouts last spring against the University of Maine-Farmington and lowly Green Mountain College.

Freshman Alex Green has nestled into the faster college game with a team-high 10 points and nine goals through just three games earning him NAC Player of the Week honors.

One-for-one for Greener.

However, the Spartans are 0-3 in those first games. Goaltender David DeGhetto and his young defense are struggling early but they're getting a lot of work from offensive turnovers.

Although, I know these guys will be in shape to do damage when NAC action starts in April. Second round NCAA anyone?

The Men's team shed their demons in Mt. Ida and took home the NAC plaque. Can the Women's lacrosse team do the same with Bridgewater State this year?

Yes. four words and a bunch of capitals, Marie Van Der Kar. She began the season with 55 career games and 224 career points. I think she owns so many records they gave her a couple softball

records too.

Van Der Kar is leading a younger but well-rounded squad to the conference championship and beyond.

Don't knock the baseball team because it keeps losing.

The Spartans are playing some of the best baseball schools in Division III. And when they return home in April, I expect them to be ready for the North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC).

Scrappy second baseman Ryan Zielinski destroyed the ball last spring. The NEAC All-Conference selection/Rookie of the Year/NEIBA All-New Englander batted .363, led the team with six homers and 74 hits, while knocking in 50 RBIs and reaching home plate 54 times in 50 games.

Whew. Oh, and he pitched one shutout inning with two K's. He's only going to get better. Baseball is going to take the NEAC East division for sure.

Softball hasn't had a winning season since 2007 and hasn't reached the NAC finals ever. The Spartans graduated two-time team MVP Hilary Bemis, and must look to others to fill the void. I think it's going to be sophomore shortstop Megan Blongy.

Blongy belted 43 hits in 31 games last season good for a team-high .473 batting average and All-Conference second team bid.

Though she didn't have very big power numbers last spring (0 HR, 7 RBI), she played solid defensively, making just three errors and finishing with a .969

fielding percentage.

Expect this infielder to be the spark her team may need. But the Spartans aren't making me feel too relaxed when it comes to NAC tourney time.

The Spartans have gone 7-7 in the NAC regular season the last two years and bowed out in the first round last spring.

I'm not picking softball to make it past the NAC semifinals. The softball up in Maine is just too good.

Shout out to whomever comes up with a nickname for Zielinski.

I got Ryan "don't call him Wayne" Zielinski.

As you can see, I need some help:

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THE KING OF HOT WINGS



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President Dave Wolk announces Ryan Cummings wins again!

By Allison Clark
Castleton Spartan

The rules are simple. Eat the food that's set in front of you, don't drink anything and don't wipe your hands. That's it. It's that easy.

Except the food is hot. Really hot.

So hot that Marcus Hass' fingers went numb. Then tingled.

"I wasn't expecting them to be so hot they burn my skin," Hass said shaking his head.

Hass was referring to the hot wings he ate to the bone while competing in the Spartan Insanely Hot Wing Battle before spring break.

Five students battled in Huden Dining Hall to earn a "Degree in heat" and become the "The King of Wings." The winner also received a custom-fitted Trek 820 Mountain Bike donated by Pepsi.

The dining hall staff offered the hot wing-eating contest for the second year to break up the dullness of cafeteria dining.

"Kids get bored. Especially when it comes to food," said Michael Williams the director of Campus Dining. "We try to do monotony-breakers,

like the waffle iron and this event."

It was certainly no ordinary day at Huden. A large crowd of students congregated to watch the contest and win free prizes like free food and T-shirts with the contest's logo and a Spartan warrior entrenched in flames on them.

Jenni Mark, a freshman, was there for the fun and to see how hot was hot.

"I'm hoping it's so hot I see someone cry," Mark said.

No one bawled, but there were tears.

Julie Carryer, the only female contestant, had tears in her eyes when she gave up with just seconds to go in the second round.

"It was so hot!" Carryer said between gulps of milk donated by Thomas Dairy. "I feel like a dragon."

She exhaled a burst of steamy breath to illustrate.

"They were pretty freakin' hot," said Brain Garvey, another contestant who dropped as the third round kicked off. "I could smell it. And once I smelt it, my ambition just went away."

Garvey didn't even need to try the round three wings, just smell them, to know he

couldn't take the heat. President David Wolk attended the event and said proximity was all it took to get a sense of how hot the wings were.

"When they were bringing the wings out by me my eyes watered and I said 'If I'm just close to the wings and my eyes are watering how are they ever going to do that!'" Wolk said.

The contest didn't make it past the third round. With Carryer and Garvey out, three contestants remained. As the timekeeper called out the thirty second warning, Dammy Mustapha threw in the towel followed by Marcus Hass. That left just one: Ryan Cummings, the defending champ.

Cummings had done it. Again.

As nurses, on call in case of an emergency, distributed bottles of water and milk to the steaming contestants Jack Healey, the event's master of ceremonies talked with Cummings on stage.

"Last year you went all the way," Healey said. "This year didn't even get warmed up!"

Cummings gulped milk and wiped sauce from his face.

"Round three this year was

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CSC faculty defends Alercio's resignation

By Maria Arnot
Castleton Spartan

On Thursday, March 31, a letter to the editor ran in the *Rutland Herald* in response to the recent resignation of Rich Alercio, the first head football coach at Castleton State College. The letter addressed recent public comments that had been published by the *Herald*, condemning the decision of the administration at Castleton.

It stated that those who were included in the letter were praising the administration for "protecting our student athletes by upholding the integrity and reputation of our athletic program."

It was signed by 40 members of the Castleton State College faculty.

"I signed the letter particularly because I agreed with the idea that there are a set of principles and standards that we adhere to here at Castleton," said history professor Adam Chill. "And we must uphold these values and standards...above all other things."

The letter was composed by history professor Jonathan Spiro, who hoped to quell some of the negative feedback from the *Rutland Herald* community about the resignation of Alercio.

"I felt that the readers at the *Rutland Herald* were only getting one side to the story because the administration felt it was inappropriate for them to go public with their side of story [until the NCAA further investigated]," said Spiro. "So, I kept reading all these letters

from well-meaning people, who understandably liked and supported the coach, but who were not aware of the facts."

According to the Spiro's letter that ran in the *Herald*, one writer claimed that "the transgressions of the coach should be forgiven because coaches at other colleges cheat."

Spiro said that the actions of other colleges and their coaches should not have an effect on Castleton.

"It is unfortunately true that many schools have a win-at-any-cost mentality, but we are not 'other schools.' This is Castleton, where every coach is expected to know and follow the rules—which is why we have never been accused of an NCAA violation [until now]."

To acquire the signatures, Spiro wrote the letter and then forwarded a copy to all faculty and staff members, informing them that he would be sending it to the *Herald*, and offered them the option to include their names.

"I was immediately flooded with responses," said Spiro.

Although nobody opposed the content of the letter, two unnamed professors did question the timing of the exposure of the letter, noting that it might be best to wait until the results of the NCAA's investigation were made public.

Spiro took this into consideration, but decided to send it after disapproval from the community kept coming.

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Biology majors test plant genes

Students conduct professional-level research at CSC

PHOTOS BY PETER JONES/ CONTRIBUTOR
Senior Darren Colomb prepares a vial that will be used in a piece of equipment that isolates genes.

By Peter Jones
Spartan Contributor

A scientist in a white lab coat fills small vials with purple solution. His colleague prepares an expensive piece of equipment to isolate a sugar transport gene from thousands of base pairs of DNA. They analyze the data using nothing short of a super-computer.

No, this isn't the laboratory of a research-intensive university, this is happening right here at Castleton State College.

Deborah Alongi, assistant professor of biology, and her team of student biologists are carrying out professional level genetic research and analysis.

"It's exactly what I was doing for my post-doctoral research at U Sheffield in England," Alongi said.

The team consists of senior Darren Colomb, and junior Kieth Lavoie, both biology majors.

Their research, which involves extracting DNA from a plant called *Arabidopsis lyrata* and isolating its genes, gives students an opportunity to apply what they have learned in the classroom to real science.

"I feel fortunate to be able to put it on my resume because I can say I know these techniques," Colomb said.

Alongi says she plans to bring students and other faculty with her to Ireland to gather samples of the plant for further studies.

"It's exciting to go outside where the plant grows and correlate genetics with how they actually survive," Alongi said.

The team's hypothesis is

that the plant grows better in a cold, almost arctic climate. The mystery is what the plant is doing in hotter places as far south as North Carolina. Are they adapting to warmer conditions? The answer lies in the plants DNA and team is using everything at their disposal to crack the genetic code.

"Genetics is the most important part of biology, because it just happened and we get to discover how it happened," Colomb said.

The microbiology lab located in Woodruff Hall is home to equipment that is considered the "Cutting edge of genetics," Lavoie said.

One such machine, acquired by Alongi last fall through a grant, is the bioinformatics thermocycler. It is used to create a polymerase chain reaction—basically

it's a gene copy machine. Lavoie said the microbiology lab is also home to the fastest computer on campus.

"It can surf Facebook at warp speed," said Lavoie with a grin.

Analyzing and comparing data is a key part of genetic research. The quad core computer is used to look at genes thousands of base pairs long.

"It might take a few days instead of a few weeks to sequence genes," Alongi said.

Research will continue well through next year with new student biologists taking the place of graduates. The research trip to Ireland is currently planned for Aug. 12-28.

"Were tiny, but we do awesome science here," said Colomb proudly as he put away his lab coat and safety goggles.



Attention Readers:

Dear Spartan readers,

It has come to our attention that an article in our March 9 issue of *The Spartan* has been partially fabricated. We were first made aware of this unfortunate circumstance during a recent budget meeting after members of the Physical Plant alerted a staff reporter to errors in the article.

The article, "Courtesy goes up in smoke," contains quotes that are attributed to a Physical Plant worker named Susan Joseph. Joseph, though, is a name that was fabricated by Kealy Chipman, one of the authors of the article. We also believe that the content in the quotes has been fabricated as well. According to Chipman, she fabricated the information believing that the story would not make it into the newspaper.

While Chipman is not a member of *The Spartan* staff and the story was written as an assignment for one of professor Dave Blow's classes, we still consider this to be a serious offense and a knock to our newspaper's credibility.

On behalf of all of the students who work hard to ensure that *The Spartan* sends out a top-quality product with each issue, I would like to apologize to all of our readers for allowing this mistake to make it into our newspaper.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email us at TheSpartan@castleton.edu or stop by the office in the new communication wing in Leavenworth Hall.

Sincerely,
John Shramek
Spartan Editor



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Think before speaking

By Nick Minarik
Castleton Spartan

Recent events on campus have spurred much discussion about free speech and, more particularly, the limits thereof. At a recent soundings event, 28-year-old James Cote spoke out during a question-and-answer session, stating that, "Every single person in political power at this point should be taken out." He went on to talk about a plan he had to assassinate President Bush in 2003, which he regretted had been foiled.

This series of comments sparked a lot of talk about the limits of free speech;

was it within his rights to say what he did say? Did it violate the rights of anyone around him? Most importantly, was it simply a statement of thought or was it a threat?

After investigation, it was determined that, despite the inflammatory nature of the statements, they were benign. Cote was described by his girlfriend as feeling "as though he had been labeled and ostracized by students for what he had said despite not 'articulating himself correctly.'"

We at *The Spartan* fully support the rights of free speech, and feel that, in a private setting, he would

have been within his boundaries to discuss these thoughts and opinions as long as there was no malicious intent. The thing about free speech is that, once you begin to tread on the rights of others, your rights end and theirs begin.

Whether or not there was legitimate intent behind his statements, Cote stated that everyone in political power should be taken out. That is blatantly stepping on the rights of others, and where his rights to free speech end.

Cote felt that he got labeled for not "articulating himself correctly." His girlfriend, Nicole Mastro-

pasqua said, just "trying to say the government performs grievances every day on our citizens."

If this is the case, shouldn't he have given a little more thought to how he would word this statement before he stood up and took the microphone? Once you're in that position, what comes out of your mouth is completely your responsibility. He may have been pressed for time and not have prepared at all, but there are certain things you shouldn't say. "He was ridiculed for [what he said] and that's wrong. Castleton students should be ashamed of themselves," Mastro-

pasqua said.

It's true that it's up to students to react in an appropriate fashion, but before the reactions come into play, it was the responsibility of Cote to speak in a way that didn't encroach on the rights of others. He spoke in a way that, intended or not, was threatening to a lot of people.

If you're about to take a microphone in front of hundreds of people, make sure you give thought to what you're going to say. What seems like a well-formed and harmless thought in your head could end up with a Secret Service visit.

More campaigning needed

By Courney Bates
Castleton Spartan

This year's Student Government Association elections lured voters in with an interesting incentive: the possibility of winning an iPod, Fireside points, or money to the school store. It seems as though this tactic may have worked for them.

More students seemed to be voting this year than in previous years. The SGA did a nice job of

getting people to vote.

Everyone knew that elections were happening, and everyone had plenty of opportunities to vote all over campus. It was well advertised this year. In fact, an impressive 610 people voted this year, crushing the previous record of 415 from two years ago.

Now that the SGA has found a way to attract more voters through prizes, they need to campaign better.

This year there was very little

campaigning. Occasionally you would pass by a poster for the candidates for president, but there was little to no information supporting them. Many voters found themselves wondering who the candidates were, how qualified they were and what the positions were.

More campaigning would not only increase public knowledge of who was running for what and what their credentials were, but it would also spice up the competition, making things more interest-

ing.

And honestly, who doesn't love a little friendly competition?

If SGA can get the campaigning down, I think they could draw more attention to their elections, rather than having to rely on the prizes to draw in more voters. The prizes are still a great idea, but that's only half of the battle.

If next year brings more campaigning and competition, I think the SGA elections could be a huge success.

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Sounding Off

Reflections on Recent Events

A Chorus Line

"I'd say I identified most with Cassie. I identify with her current mindset of doing what she wants to do for herself only. I'm here at college to do what I want to do with my life and I'm not doing it to impress anyone else, just like Cassie..."

-Joshua Levandowski

Halau 'o Keikiali'i

"...I used to think of the Hula as coconut bras and grass skirts. I did not realize the history and honor behind the dance. It is sad how the Hawaiians were forced to give up their language, dance, and ways of living..."

-Andrea Parker

"...When they move their hands above their heads they are praising the heavens and Gods. When they dance with their feet they are praising the earth, which includes trees and rocks. I have learned that Hawaiian culture has been decreasing in numbers a large amount each year. There are few that remain who are full blooded Hawaiian."

-Casey Babcock

Dala

"...their version of 'Ohio' really touched me the most. The music and lyrics combine so well with an anti-war/anti-hate protest in the original song... With the delicate female voices, it almost carries a new meaning, and holds an all new/original impact. They are spectacularly talented and I hope to see them again."

-Kacy Chicoine

Three Cups of Tea

"Curtis brought Greg to life from the very start of the play. I was sitting in the back right of the theatre and he walked in breathing loudly and looked in pain. It was like reading a book and having it become real. When he spoke with different characters it gave the story even more life. It was truly inspirational."

-Jack Boymer

Last event of the semester!!!

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CSC student Dawn Dessel wears a shirt raising awareness of the life straw program (above) while a Pakistani child draws water from one.



PATRICK SIEYES / VESTERGAARD FRANDSEN

Class raises money for life straws

By Jessica Lawrenson
Castleton Spartan

Clean water sloshes back and forth in a nalgene water bottle that hangs from the hand of a student as she walks to class. Clean water bursts from the spout of a water fountain as a student gets a sip before class. Turn on the tap, stop at the water fountain, but what if it wasn't that easy?

After disaster hit Japan, people's access to clean drinking water became more difficult.

A week before the disaster, Deb Choma's community health class talked about what would happen if there was a disaster in Vermont. And after seeing how bad Japan was hit, they decided to do something

to help.

They are raising money to send life straws to Japan.

But what are life straws?

The main purpose of a life straw is to filter water to make it drinkable. It removes bacteria like Cholera, which can make you sick with diarrhea and dehydration, according to Dawn Dessel, a student in Choma's class.

The filter is small and in the form of a straw that makes it portable. According to Elisabeth Wilhelm from Vestergaard Frandsen, a company that sells the life straws, one straw can filter 18,000 liters of water, enough for a family of five for three years.

"You can drink your own urine or water

from the street and it keeps you healthy," said Choma.

The life straws are bought in large quantities. It's \$100 for 20 and within the first 48 hours the group raised \$600. Their goal is 1,000 straws, according to Choma.

The group is planning to give the college the money so that Castleton can write the check to send the straws to Japan.

The group has been setting up collection tables to take donations, wearing shirts that Choma bought to advertise and is offering for anyone to stop by their class on Tuesday nights from 6-9 in Glennbrook classroom A, according to Dessel.

Students in the class like Laura Thomas are excited about the effort the class is putting in.

"This disaster was so huge that it shook up the world, and I feel we needed to step in and help," Thomas said while wearing her life straws t-shirt.

The disaster hits close to home as a former Castleton student, Shou Watanabe, is from Japan.

Choma personally offered for Watanabe and his family to stay at her home if they needed to evacuate.

Because we have had Japanese students that have made an impact on our school, Choma is surprised that she hasn't heard of any other efforts at the college.

"That's what Castleton is about, helping the community," said Choma.

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Libyan conflict draws in United States

By Anders Ax
Castleton Spartan

After the turmoil and revolutions that have been brewing in African and Middle Eastern nations it was only a matter of time until the U.S. became formally involved somehow. On March 19 President Obama, without putting a vote toward congress, authorized Operation Odyssey Dawn and over 100 Tomahawk cruise missiles were launched by U.S. and United Kingdom ships against coastal Libyan air defenses and communication posts. This would be the first stage of a United Nations no-fly zone operation aimed at preventing Libyan forces from attacking its own citizens.

Obama's decision to authorize and remain a part of a joint-NATO operation is an arguably dangerous path to tread. Now facing the dawn of his re-election campaign, a military withdrawal from Iraq, continued operations in Afghanistan, is it appropriate to have joined a new fray with no end in sight?

Professor Jonathan Spiro of Castleton State College says he couldn't imagine the U.S. sitting by and allowing Muammar Qaddafi, self-imposed leader of Libya, to kill his own people.

"Personally I support intervention because unlike other current conflicts this is being done on humanitarian grounds," said Spiro. He reasoned that Obama and Secretary of State Hilary Clinton could have "just forgot" to consult Congress "in the heat of the moment."

The United Nations Security Council adopted Resolution 1973 March 17 that authorized member states "to take all necessary measures...to protect civilians and civilian populated areas under threat of attack in the Libyan Arab Jamhariya, including Benghazi, while excluding an occupation force."

The resolution condemned "the gross and systematic violation of human rights, including arbitrary detentions, enforced disappearances, torture and summary executions" made by loyal Qaddafi forces against civilians in the wake of uprisings throughout the country.

"I think we have to be very careful to do what Obama and the U.N. said they were going to do," said Spiro. "We cannot get into a third Muslim country."

Military response was quick by French, U.S., and U.K. forces due to reports of attacks against rebel fighters within the port city of Benghazi despite a declaration of ceasefire made by forces of Qaddafi's regime.

"He probably did have the authority," said Castleton professor Melissa Pinto,

referring to Obama's consent of military intervention.

Pinto said that though Obama promised no presence of ground troops on Libyan soil, she thinks America will eventually deploy troops. Due to the quagmire of battles throughout Libya and the impossibility of ousting Qaddafi politically Pinto recognizes only one course of action.

"Qaddafi could retreat and hold them back," Pinto said, "What can be done to break the stalemate other than put in ground troops? The rebels, I don't think they're strong enough."

Students too have seen the intervention as necessary.

"They did the same thing with the war in Iraq," said junior Taylor Pagnam. "It's something Obama needed to get involved in. No matter if it's had permission or not, it's his decision."

"It's necessary," said freshman Josh Schellenberg. "He needed to. I hate that it's a dog eat dog world."

Others, however, saw the escalation of these situations to be an outlet for more American intervention.

"I feel like we would never know when to call it quits," said junior Nicole White. "We're pushing the limits and pushing them too far. We don't need to do this anymore."

In a letter released April 14 and written by President Obama, British Prime Minister David Cameron and French President Nicholas Sarkozy declared, "Our duty and our mandate under U.N. Security Council Resolution 1973 is to protect civilians, and we are doing that. It is not to remove Qaddafi by force. But it is impossible to imagine a future for Libya with Qaddafi in power."

"Today," the letter added, "NATO and our partners are acting in the name of the United Nations with an unprecedented international legal mandate. But it will be the people of Libya, not the U.N., who choose their new constitution, elect their new leaders, and write the next chapter in their history. Britain, France and the United States will not rest until the United Nations Security Council resolutions have been implemented and the Libyan people can choose their own future."

The outcome in Libya is as hazy and indecipherable as it was before and as the battles rush across Libya and other nations in the Middle East only time will tell the outcome.

"To residents in the Middle East they know they're in a historical time, they're changing the course of history," said Spiro. "The people didn't rise up in Libya because of us. Because of democracy."

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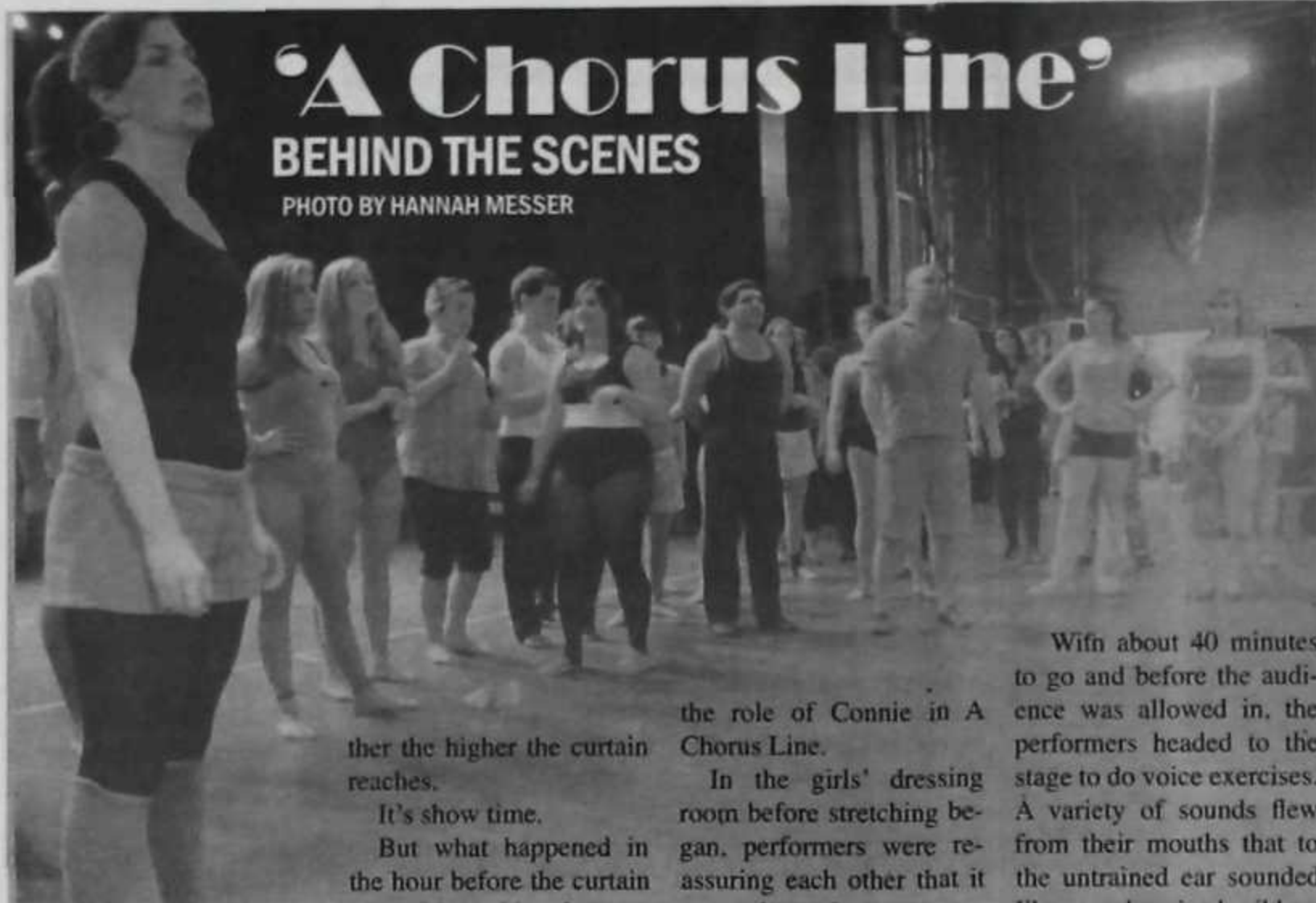
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'A Chorus Line'

BEHIND THE SCENES

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By Hannah Messer
Spartan Contributor

It's seconds before the curtain rises and you can feel the heat coming off the large fluorescent lights from the other side of the stage. The performers are already sweating, but with pure concentration in their eyes.

The curtain rises slowly and as it rises it's apparent from the side of the stage that each performer's stomach drops further and fur-

ther the higher the curtain reaches.

It's show time.

But what happened in the hour before the curtain rose? It's a side of a production few ever see.

There are countless people involved when putting together a production like A Chorus Line and they all prepare mentally and physically in their own different ways.

"I try not to think about the show all day, and once I get there, I go through a mental check list in my head, 'Is my costume on right? Is my make-up done right? Do I have my shoes?'" said performer Staci Jedlick, who played

the role of Connie in A Chorus Line.

In the girls' dressing room before stretching began, performers were reassuring each other that it was going to be great.

They stretched in various ways to the blasting sound of Florence and the Machines, an artist and music style that had absolutely no connection to the musical itself.

On stage, the orchestra was tuning and warming up as well. The brass players were emptying out their mouthpieces, dumping their saliva all over the floor and making sure their instruments were ready to go. They could then rest until show time.

With about 40 minutes to go and before the audience was allowed in, the performers headed to the stage to do voice exercises. A variety of sounds flew from their mouths that to the untrained ear sounded like synchronized gibberish.

"It's when everyone really warms up their voices and gets their mindset ready for projecting their voice and singing," said actress Sarah Connor, who played the role of Cassie.

After about 15 minutes, it was back down to the dance studio.

With 25 minutes until show time, it was total chaos. Every performer began flailing about and jumping around like animals just released from the zoo. There

was yelling, dancing and laughter filling up the studio.

The performers then formed a big circle, with one in the middle. They began dancing around, as the one in the middle would say a random phrase, not even words in the English language, and the others would all repeat as they danced around like native warriors preparing for worship.

After about five minutes of this, they all came together holding hands in what appeared to be a last-minute prayer.

Not quite.

One performer would begin, with all the others in repetition.

"Oh lord."

"Oh lord."

"Please don't."

"Please don't."

"Let me."

"Let me."

"F*** up."

"F*** up."

Finally, it was time for the show-time chant. Everyone put a hand on top of another in the circle, just like any sports team before a big game. "1-2-3 TO GOOD HEALTH!" the group shouted.

And that message hit home.

Several of the performers became ill throughout

the production since work began in November, Connor said.

Jedlick was one of them. She became sick about halfway through the eight show series, having to leave stage to vomit during one performance. Nobody even knew the difference. She had to miss one show because she was too ill, giving her understudy Katie Curlier the opportunity to take over for her.

"When I found out I had to fill in for her, I freaked out. I was crying all day - it was awful. But, thankfully everyone supported me so much and reassured me that they all knew I could do it and they had absolutely no doubt in me," Curlier said.

Curlier, who is neither a theater major nor minor, said performing is such an exciting rush.

"I just love it," she said.

Even though she had an understudy, Jedlick still pushed through and performed in all but one show.

"When I was sick, all I thought about when preparing was hoping to God I didn't pass out on stage, or especially vomit when on stage, because that would have just been a total fail," she said. "I also always made sure that before a

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Terry new SGA president

By Ali Flewelling
Castleton Spartan

Castleton student voters helped set a new campus record in the March Student Government Association election. More than 600 Castleton students showed up to support their preferred candidates, trumping the previous high of 415 voters set in 2009. Also, this election marked one of the first in which two candidates had competition.

"I think it was great to have two people who wanted the position [of president]," said Stephanie Terry, Castleton's newly elected SGA President. "I think it's a sign that good things are to come."

Terry said she is excited to take part in shaping Castleton's future.

"I think something people don't know is that being a good leader involves a lot of listening," she said. "It's all about listening, getting ideas and doing something about those ideas."

As for the challenge of taking over the reins of current SGA President Justin Garritt, Terry is enthusiastic about getting started.

"I'm going to utilize some of the things that Justin put into place, but put my own twist on it and run meetings a little differently," she said.

Terry also



Stephanie Terry

stressed that it is important for every student to share his or her concerns and ideas with the SGA.

"Don't be afraid to voice your opinion, the SGA wants to hear from every student," she said. "Stand up for what you believe in, that's what the SGA is all about."

Allison Mockler, recently elected SGA Treasurer, was the other candidate running against an opponent.

"It's more exciting to have competition than just win," she said of her victory. "The main reason I wanted to do it was to help people and be involved on campus."

Although Mockler admits she still has a lot to learn about her freshly obtained position, she too is ready to commence her duties.

"It seems like a shame losing a ton of people this year and I know we are going to have a lot of shoes to fill, but I'm eager to fill them," she said.

Brittany Lafirira, Castle-

ton College Court delegate, was responsible for planning the entire election.

"I did everything from getting the application ready, sending out e-mails and deciding deadlines to sitting at the table and trying to get people to vote," she said.

Lafirira said the SGA used new techniques this year to get students more excited about voting.

"This year we gave out three kinds of big prizes. The College Court sat down and decided what to give out and we all thought those were good prizes," she said.

An iPod, a \$75 gift card to the college store and 50 Fireside points were given out to three lucky voters at the conclusion of the election.

Lafirira added that she is anxious to see what the next academic year will bring for the new SGA members.

"I think knowing the new people have big shoes to fill will motivate them to live up to those big expectations," she said.

Winning candidates included Stephanie Terry, president, Brendan Silkey, executive vice president, Erica Bilodeau, vice president of academics, Allison Mockler, treasurer and Laura Thomas, student director of Campus Activities Board.

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Students are asked to assess health in survey

By Robert Stover
Castleton Spartan

Castleton State College would like to perform a study about the health and well-being of its students. However, survey organizers need students' help.

A new health education program is in the works for the 2011-2012 school year. Wellness Center officials will be conducting an assessment on students to determine things like how often they drink alcohol, how well they are sleeping and how stressed they are at school.

"We want to see where we stand and we want to see what needs are necessary," said Wellness Center Director Martha Coulter as she glanced at the pile of potting soil she spilled on the floor earlier. "We want to plan effective programs based on what is found."

Since 2000, more than 400 college campuses around the United States have incorporated new health education programs, Coulter said. To make this happen, they have collaborated with the American College Health Association and used its four steps including assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation to create more effective programs. Castleton is one of the newest additions to the list of colleges trying out this program.

The college started applying these steps in early November of last year. The directors of the Wellness

Center facilitated public forums with individual groups of faculty, staff and students to determine the needs of students for health promotion and wellness education, Coulter said. These public forums concluded with an eight-page executive summary on health education consultation.

"The Ecological Model for Health Promotion is the standard model of practice for wellness education on college campuses and in public health agencies nationwide," said Health Educator Catherine Collins on the first page of the summary. "Behavior change regarding a specific health issue, like alcohol use and abuse, cannot happen by focusing on the targeted individual or group alone."

To really get an idea where the school stands on health education, officials decided to perform the National College Health Assessment on students around campus. This assessment will make it possible to plan more effective programs for students on campus, Coulter said. The assessment will ask a series of questions including 'how would you describe your general health?' How safe do you feel on campus and how stressed are you?' Coulter said.

With the public forums having concluded, it's now time for the survey, Coulter said.

"So this is our next step," Coulter said. "We're doing our evaluation and measurements, and we should have

the results in time to begin planning this summer."

The assessment will be available to students the first three weeks after spring break of this year and it is already bringing in positive reactions from the students.

"I think it's good that they are trying to figure out what the issues are and go from there," student Amber Blogett said. "It helps instead of blindly going into the issue."

Student Julie Carryer agreed.

"I think depending on what the assessment entails, this sounds like a very smart idea," she said. "If the college knew more about each of the students' current health situations, this would allow the college to make better decisions based on student's health, such as allergies, illnesses, etc."

Others said they like the possibilities for students that the assessment might provide.

"Yes I would take the assessment, because I think that everyone has different needs, and different issues," commuter Elishia Fletcher said excitedly. "Just to focus on a few doesn't apply to everybody on campus."

To help undertake the effort, more staff is also being hired.

"We are right in the process of hiring health educators who will work out of this office, and I'm really excited about that," Coulter said smiling. "We already have a bunch of really good applicants."

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Snoe.down ROCKS Vt.

By Douglas Phillips
Spartan Contributor

Killington and the Spartan Arena hosted the fourth official Snoe.down with a line-up of 13 unique bands. Two separate Killington venues hosted the festival's kickoff on March 24. Twiddle, the local psychedelic-rock quartet from Castleton, Vt. took the stage at The Pickle Barrel Nightclub. Current Castleton State College student Jeff Dayton, a.k.a. J4RO, opened for them with electronic dub step music.

Fans hit Killington Resort on Friday for another round of jams with Dangermuffin warming up the Bear Mountain lodge. It was their Vt. debut playing a set of southern inspired rock native to their hometown of Folly Beach, SC. After Dangermuffin, Timbre Coup, a progressive-rock quartet from Albany, N.Y., played a hearty set. At the K1 lodge, The London Souls, a New York City-based trio, dazzled the crowd with a blend of indie rock and roll. Following that, The Brew played what their drummer, Chris Plante, considered their best show of 2011.

That evening, Moe. played the first of two shows at the Spartan Arena in Rutland, Vt. Keller Williams, a one-man, jam band opened the show with a set of eccentric crowd-pleasing tunes, complete with a guest appearance by Moe.'s guitarist, Al Schnier.

On March 26 Moe. took the outdoor stage at Bear Mountain for their popular, free, afternoon set - complete with a mountain full of sun, snow, happy bands and happy fans. Ryan Montbleau Band, a group based out of Boston, opened for them with a blend of folk-rock and Americana.

At the K1 lodge, Caravan of Thieves hit the stage and played a colorful set of gypsy-jazz inspired storytelling tunes. The acoustic quartet brought the crowd a three-dimensional performance, including theatrical, quirky moments that only Caravan could concoct.

Lotus hit the main stage at Spartan Arena that evening and played an electrically-charged, instrumental, psychedelic rock set, complete with one of the most astounding light shows of the festival. Fans appeared ecstatic, grooving hard to Lotus' feel-good tunes.

Moe., the festival's creator, host, and fan-favorite followed Lotus with another



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Moe.'s Al Schnier plays Killington on March 26.

pleasure filled, two-set show. They packed the arena with Moe.rons from all over the east coast and beyond. Moe. raged into the night, warming their thousands of loyal fans from the inside out.

"Best time I've ever had in Rutland!" Castleton student, Alexandria Pugliese, said Saturday night.

One of the last two bands of the weekend, Frank Viele & the Manhattan Project, brought the sunshine inside the K1 lodge on Sunday morning with their laid-back, funk-rock vibes.

Assembly of Dust, a folk-rock jam band from NYC who played the festival last year, closed out the four-day festival with a show at The Pickle Barrel nightclub on Sunday night. Fans left with one last taste of Snoe.down 2011, and hope for another one in 2012.

"Snoe.down was one of the most energetic and fun concerts I have been to, Castleton's Spartan Arena should do more like it!" said Korey Cunos, Castleton senior.

Movie Review: Love and Other Drugs

By Ashley Casey
Castleton Spartan

Jake Gyllenhaal and Anne Hathaway star in "Love and Other Drugs," a romantic comedy-drama set in the late 1990s about a womanizing pharmaceutical salesman and a free-spirited artist with early-onset Parkinson's disease. Jamie Randall (Gyllenhaal) is a black sheep who quit medical school while being in a high-achieving family of doctors. After being fired from an electronics store for sleeping with his boss's girlfriend, Jamie's brother offers to get him a job in sales at pharmaceutical giant, Pfizer. Jamie accepts the offer, but cannot seem to make any sales. Eventually, Jamie's partner, Bruce, sees his potential and tells Jamie that if he can convince a local general practitioner, Dr. Knight, to switch from prescribing Prozac to Zoloft, all other doctors will follow.

While shadowing Dr.

Knight, Jamie happens to meet Maggie Murdock (Hathaway), who has come to get refills on her medication. After a less than pleasant first meeting, Jamie and Maggie meet for a date and their physical relationship begins. From the beginning, it is clear that Maggie is extremely guarded and does not let people get close to her emotionally. Jamie is also reluctant to open up, but in a much less hostile way. Despite their many flaws, both characters are likeable and enjoyable to watch. As in all romantic films, there are many twists and turns in their relationship. As Jamie learns more about Maggie's past he also climbs the corporate ladder of Pfizer when he hits gold by selling record amounts of its new drug, Viagra.

This movie is a typical romantic comedy in many ways, but it also has enough variation from the norm to make it entertaining. One of the most inter-



esting aspects of "Love and Other Drugs" is the inside look at the culture of pharmaceutical companies during this time. Hathaway's character is also far from the typical "leading lady", due to her sarcastic nature and the suffering she experiences from her disease. Both actors portray their characters in a manner that provides near-perfect balance between comedy and drama. Overall, this film is worth watching for anyone who likes romantic comedies, as well as fans of Hathaway and Gyllenhaal.

Music Review: Sum 41

By Nick Minarik
Castleton Spartan

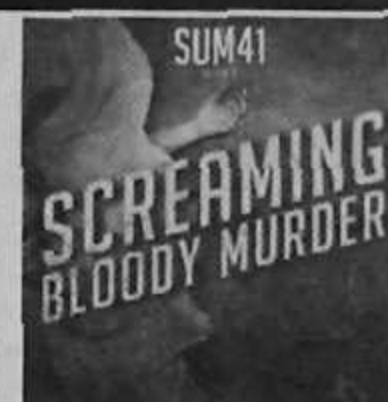
Sum 41 returned on March 29 with their fifth studio album Screaming Bloody Murder, which is essentially the first four albums put into one. They've completely abandoned the late '90s sound from Half Hour of Power. What remains is a healthy mix of the powerful speed of All Killer No Filler, the straightforward punk-rock style of Does This Look Infected?, and the slightly angrier lyrical tones of Chuck, wound together with some of the slow songs which made their debut for the band in Underclass Hero.

It seems that the band was well aware of exactly everything that worked from each one of the previous albums, because they've masterfully mixed and matched all the good elements into a beautiful collection of songs. Deryck Whibley has found a singing voice completely separate from his usual raspy yelling, and it's surprisingly good. It all really shows the band's

musical maturity, which is somewhat contradictory to the lyrical themes found in Bloody Murder.

The lyrics have certainly matured past the point of songs like "March of the Dogs," but that's not saying much. The band still has a while to go when it comes to writing. This album has the traditional juvenile themes, ranging from masochism to being sick of everyone (in exactly those words). They also dabble more in religious questioning, which is interesting to see from a band that never cared much about things like that in the past.

The only thing that occasionally bothers me about Sum 41's musical style is their tendency to turn what could be two or three songs into one. "Skumfuk" is a perfect example of this. It was leaked a solid four months ago as a fast punk song, barely touching the two minute mark. The way it appears on the album is with a 1:25 slow intro, which sounds like a completely different song. Things like this happen on



numerous occasions, and it almost reminds me of a modern "Band on the Run" style.

Aside from those two small complaints, Screaming Bloody Murder is everything I loved about Sum 41's previous works in one album. Some hardcore fans may be disappointed by the slower songs and the fact Whibley has taken more to singing than yelling, but they can take comfort in songs like "Jessica Kills." There's a lot to love in these 45 minutes of music, and I hope this isn't the band's last effort. They've reached the point of a stable, balanced sound, and if bands like The Offspring are any indication, we should have a few more fantastic albums to look forward to.

Game Review: Shift 2: Unleashed

By Nick Minarik
Castleton Spartan

A racing sim on the surface, an arcade racer at heart. 4 out of 5

Shift 2 Unleashed is trying to break the mold of racing games by focusing on the battle of the driver. I feel compelled to continue playing in driver's view because it's so well done; better, in fact, than any Gran Turismo, Forza Motorsport, or Project Gotham Racing game to date. This game takes it one step further than most. The view jerks violently and blurs upon collision, you look to the left or right when approaching a turn, and there is an unparalleled sense of speed, even in the earlier stages.

The aforementioned earlier stages aren't boring like in most other games. In the Underground series, the first few cars felt to be crawling along, even if the speedometer read over 100 mph. Inversely, every car in this game feels fast. Instead of being excited to unlock the higher class races,

I was intimidated. When I decided to test my Lamborghini reward car, I was startled when it leapt off the line, and I remained tense throughout the entire race.

Most racing games can be mastered by simply learning when to hammer down on the brake or accelerator; I approached Shift 2 with this strategy, and it wasn't until my seventh or eighth sixth-place finish on the first event that I realized this game actually requires finesse. It would probably be best played with a racing wheel peripheral, but if you don't want to drop the money, you'll just have to adjust like I did.

Shift 2 borrows the suggested line mechanic from the Forza series, which was a great idea due to the fairly long learning curve for this game. The one thing I noticed is that Shift 2 takes it more seriously. In Forza I could cheat the line a little; in Shift 2, however, if the line is yellow you will go off the track unless you slow down, particularly in the later stages.



I also have to say I love the music selection in this game. It's all very masterfully mixed. It usually only plays in the menus and it has really great effects on it. The songs appear in the menus in a completely different form from their studio version, and the creatively-enhanced songs really add to the intense ambience of the game.

What this game does, it does excellently. What it claims to be, which is the best racing simulation out there, it is not. Shift 2 Unleashed has made the statement that the Need for Speed team can at least be a solid contender in the battle against Forza and GT, and you shouldn't be surprised to see a Shift 3 in the future.

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King of wings

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like round four last year," he said. "They did step up the heat. And they were definitely better tasting this year."

Topping last year's battle was a priority for Andrea McCaully, the catering manager at Castleton.

"We are learning the warriors each year can take a little more pressure on the battlefield," McCaully said.

She is already looking ahead to next year's wings contest and for ideas to top this year. She wants to get faculty involved and maybe bring in fire-eaters from other colleges to make the competition really competitive.

She also wants to bring down Cummings.

"Ryan told us we could never, ever, beat the heat that he could eat," she said. "And I'm like- we'll try again next year."

Faculty defends decision

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Professor of psychology John Klein, who also signed the letter, noted that most people who signed it were probably not pro-football four years ago.

"But then...Alercio won them over. So they are probably pretty upset that something like this happened," he said. "And it happened on coach's watch. Mistakes were made and someone needs to pay for the mistakes and unfortunately it falls on coach's shoulders in order to maintain the purity of the program," he said.

Since the NCAA has yet to release any information regarding the investigation of the incident, President Dave Wolk and the administration have refrained from commenting on the topic in any detail until they hear back, which could still be a matter of weeks, according to Wolk.

"Until then I'd prefer not to comment on the issue, although I very much appreciated reading that letter from our faculty, especially since so many of them apparently signed on to it," said Wolk.

Although Spiro noted that the letter might not influence many people's opinions, asserting that those who agree with him will continue to agree with him and that those who don't presumably never will, he did say writing the letter was important.

"I wrote it for the public record. So that in the future, when people read about this, they know that the faculty supported the president and athletic director on this issue," he said.

Behind A Chorus Line

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show I was drinking a lot of water, more than usual, and always had cold compresses on both sides of the stage so I wouldn't over heat."

With only a few minutes until show time, it was time for "places" on stage.

"When you stand in place before the curtain rises, you think you'll forget every single word, and every dance step, but then once the curtain rises and the music begins, your brain just goes into auto pilot and you instantly know everything to do and when you have to do it," said Jedlick. "Then you just... do it."

SOS builds lasting friendships

By Mike Callahan and Artie Hollanjer
Spartan Contributors

You're a new person in a new place with faces you do not know and situations you've never dealt with before. It's a seemingly huge campus and you don't know where to begin.

But then you see a friendly face, known as your SOS leader. You begin to loosen up, make friends with other faces and become accustomed to your surroundings.

Before long, you have completed your first year, made some great friends and you have your SOS leader to thank.

The Student Orientation Staff at Castleton State College is a student run system of getting new students better involved and oriented on campus. SOS also provides great chances to make and maintain friendships.

But what is the Student Orientation Staff? What do they do and why do we have it?

"It means making a difference!" Junior Kenzi McCain said with a smile. "Getting to watch students come in with no idea of what to expect and seeing how they evolve and adapt over the first semester. It's great!"

Sophomore Alyson Wheeler and Junior Maegan Walsh agreed.

"SOS is a chance to help incoming freshman make the transition into college," Wheeler said. "It's a

great chance to make new friends and connections within the school community, which I really like!"

"It also helps you in many other ways," McCain said. "It helped me build bonds with the fellow leaders, and as it turned out, some of my students became my best friends!"

Maria Cuccurese, a sophomore who was one of McCain's SOS students as a freshman, now considers McCain a friend.

"It was really convenient that we had the same major," Cuccurese said with a laugh. "In the beginning, she was just my SOS leader, but in the second semester, she became one of my best friends and still is today."

Wheeler was also one of McCain's SOS students' and now is an SOS leader.

"As a first-year student, I became really good friends with Kenzi," Wheeler said smiling. "My SOS leader convinced me to be an SOS because she made me feel like I had the traits and qualities to help my community."

Ashley Crandall, a freshman, is one of Wheeler's SOS students from this past year.

"Alyson was very helpful in class," Crandall said, in between taking sips from her coffee. "Whenever we had questions in class, she was right there to give us the best answer she could."

Linda Werner, a freshman, and another one of



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Brooke and Justin Garrett having fun at Move-In Day.

Wheeler's students, agrees. "I love her!" Werner exclaims enthusiastically, although she did say Wheeler forgot the students' lunch from time to time.

For some, like 2010 graduate Melissa Pope, being an SOS leader is a calling. She even came back to serve as an SOS leader after she graduated.

"Coming back as an alumni to SOS was less stressful and I still got a group and I was told I was queen!" Pope said with a laugh.

The returning SOS staff was asked whether they'd return to do it again next year and all gave an enthusiastic "yes." Alyson Wheeler's response, however, stood out. "Hell yes!"

Gym junkies tell all



PHOTO BY EMMA RUDNICK/SPARTAN
Eric Pollica flexes his muscles.

By Kat Eichler
Spartan Contributor

Driving through the residential side of campus just as you pass Castleton Hall, across from Adams Hall is a gigantic panoramic window giving you a glimpse into a different world.

It's a world of stationary machines and sweat. Students fill the line of treadmills and ellipticals striving to get somewhere without physically going anywhere.

Though some may never fathom going to the gym, Castleton students can't seem to get enough of it. Hundreds of students flock to the gym each day to get their quick, or long fix of physical activity. Some are stragglers, some are

regulars, but all are looking for a good workout.

On the right of the door leading you into the gym stands square cubbies that are of adequate size to fit small personal belongings in, such as street shoes, which are prohibited in the gym. Don't worry, the sign on the door will remind you if you ever forget.

When you walk through the door you see the line of treadmills, yoga balls and a man lifting more weight than you assume is humanly possible.

It's essentially and a community within a community.

Stephanie Wright is one of the many faces you may see. She works at the sign-in desk and manages the activity in the gym. She's a senior. She's on the varsity softball team. She's also a gym junkie.

"I come here at least once a day for at least one-and-a-half hours on average. The gym has a lot to offer," she said.

Athletes aren't the only moving bodies you'll see getting their sweat on. Nicole Carpenter isn't on any team, but is also in love with the gym.

"I come everyday for an hour, maybe a little over," said Carpenter while lifting a weight over her head. "I started coming because I wanted to look good in my bikini."

Carpenter said she does a variety of exercises including stretching and running on the elliptical.

For freshman Chris Kowalski, the gym routine is relatively new.

"I didn't really go as regularly to a gym before I came to college. Now I go four or five times a week. I come to stay fit," said Kowalski, propped against a

back rest on the chest press.

So it's no secret that people go to the gym because want to look good, but is that all? Is our number one priority really looking good?

Not always.

Senior Pat Shortle loves the way the gym makes him feel.

"The best part about the gym is the end result. All the endorphins are released and you just feel really good," he said.

Shortle said he likes to spend one-and-a-half to two hours in the gym, taking his workout slow, enjoying every minute and avoiding any injuries.

Like many who see the benefits of working out, both physically and mentally, Shortle feels an extremely strong connection with the gym and working out.

"It's gotten me through some stressful days so I'm pretty thankful for it," he said.

As always, the things we love have flaws. Although our facility is lovely, everything has room for improvement, the gym fans say.

"Space," declared Shortle when asked what could be improved. "If they could add on to the facility and allow for more variety of equipment and a more comfortable work-out space."

Carpenter had a different idea.

"Structured classes or personal trainers would be cool," said Carpenter. "Other than that, the gym's pretty good."

Wright said she hopes for faster turnaround time for broken equipment being fixed and Kowalski dreams of more treadmills.

Football

By John Shramek
Spartan Editor

It's been a month and a half since the news of Rich Alercio's forced resignation over an NCAA violation rocked Castleton State College and the surrounding community. There is still no word on what punishment, if any, will be enforced on the college.

According to Athletic Director Deanna Tyson, the NCAA is still investigating the violation that was a result of a part-time employee of the college co-signing three separate loans for a player that totaled close to \$22,000.

"We were thinking we'd have it by now, so we're still just waiting for it," Tyson said.

As for the ineligible player, the NCAA has not announced a decision on whether or not he will be reinstated for play. Tyson did say that decision would be announced before any possible punishments for the college are.

Tyson said that the hope is that the decisions will be coming soon so the school can put the violation in the past.

"Yeah we are [getting anxious for a decision]," she said. "We'd like to know what their decisions are so we can really move forward."

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Groot brothers reunite at CSC

By Kristie Dunchus
Castleton Spartan

In his sophomore season at Canandaigua Academy, A.J. Groot was selected to be on the varsity lacrosse team.

That season he scored his first high school goal. Groot was assisted by one of his senior captains. But it wasn't just his teammate and captain; it was his older brother Dan Groot.

Brothers Dan and A.J. Groot are a new addition to the Castleton men's lacrosse team. Dan is a first year Graduate Assistant. He handles the Spartan offense, and monitors the team's study hall off the field. After graduating high school, A.J. spent one semester at SUNY Cortland and then spent two years at Finger Lakes Community College, where he played lacrosse. After hearing about his brother's enrollment at Castleton, A.J. jumped at the opportunity to be able to be on the same team as his brother once again.

Dan is a 2009 graduate of the University of Maryland. During his four years he earned many accolades including two selections to the US Lacrosse All-America team in 2007 and 2009, the Edwin Powell award, which was for the greatest service to the team, and the William P. Cole III award, which was given to the most outstanding midfielder. In 2006 he also received the Levitt Memorial, which is given to the most outstanding freshman. He was also named team captain in 2009 for the Terriers, and was a member of the

ACC All-Tournament Team and made the ACC Academic Honor Roll.

After his collegiate career, Dan played in Major League Lacrosse for the Washington Bayhawks. Now, he currently plays in the LXM Pro Lacrosse Tour. He was most recently drafted second in the MLL Supplemental Draft, by the Rochester Rattlers.

Dan and A.J. are two years apart, but despite the age difference they still remained close as ever from childhood to present day.

"I would say we're best friends," A.J. said.

"Growing up we did everything together, fight, cause problems," Dan said as they both looked at each other and laughed.

"There were times we would fight to the death," A.J. said.

A.J. said even when Dan would hang out with his friends he would usually find a way to tag along with them. But Dan insists that he would always have to come to A.J.'s defense anytime this happened.

"He would always poke fun at my friends and then I would have to save him," Dan said.

Although they had a very close nit relationship both agreed the occasional sibling rivalry would kick in.

"Yeah I never really got to win at anything," A.J. laughed. "It made me better though. It gave me the mentality I have today."

Both Dan and A.J. could not talk about lacrosse without men-



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Dan Groot coaches brother A.J. (5) and the rest of the men's lacrosse on the field.

tioning their father Randy Groot.

"He was the main factor in both of our lacrosse careers," AJ said.

They said he was one of the main reasons for them choosing lacrosse out of all the other sports. He was even responsible for creating the youth league in their home town of Canandaigua, N.Y.

They said growing up, Randy could get a little "intense" sometimes. For instance on one occasion he ran up to A.J. during a game and grabbed him by the mask and yelled at him. A.J. laughed and said that his father even got approached by the referee to stop, but even that didn't phase him. They both said it's just a mix of his passion for the game and his love for both of them.

When Dan played at the University of Maryland, his father would make the six-hour drive for almost all of his games and he still makes the four-hour trip to Castleton to watch A.J. and Dan today.

AJ was able to play one season in high school with his brother and now Dan is one of his coaches.

"I like him as both. He's always been a coach anyway. I

learned everything I know from him and my dad. I mean he's my brother I love him," A.J. said.

Dan added that he doesn't try to be harder on A.J. or give him special treatment, but comparing himself to his father, he insists the apple doesn't really fall far from the tree.

"I mean I'm pretty hard on everyone but I would say I expect more from him. That comes down from a totem pole from my father," Dan said.

Senior midfielder Craig MacDerment had kind words to say about both Dan and A.J. and thinks they both will be key assets to the team's success this season.

"He [A.J.] is a great person for younger players to look up to because of his great lacrosse skills."

He definitely helped replace some of the offensive talent we graduated from this previous season," MacDerment said.

"[Dan] is a very enthusiastic coach that demands perfection from every player on our team. He introduced a new style of offense this year that will definitely help the offensive production this season," he said.

After graduating from Maryland, Dan heard about the

Graduate Assistant position at Castleton from a friend and realized the opportunity was too good for him to let pass by. Although A.J. had never heard of Castleton before, he learned about it from his brother and realized the small school environment might just be the perfect fit for him.

"I had never been here, I never heard of it up until I heard about him coming here. But I love it up here," A.J. said.

Dan insists he always knew that coaching was in his future whereas A.J. doesn't quite sing the same tune.

"I always knew I wanted to coach. I just love coaching," Dan said.

"I'm kind of the type where tell me to do it and I do it. I would love to try it though maybe like an assistant," A.J. said.

In the future Dan hopes to become a history teacher or a head coach, and A.J., who majors in physical education, hopes to find a job in the teaching department as well.

"I plan on being a head coach somewhere," Dan said.

"Maybe I'll be the assistant for (Dan)," AJ added.



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A.J. Groot (left) poses with older brother and coach, Dan.

Lax goes 2-0 with a shutout on NAC weekend

By Mike DelDotto
Castleton Spartan

With a 16-2 loss on April 13 to 12th-ranked RPI at home, men's lacrosse head coach Brian Kingsbury cancelled the following two practices before a weekend in which the Spartans would be playing two conference opponents at Spartan Stadium. It was up to the team, itself, to find a balance and prepare for the weekend.

The players spent the next two days with team-building activities like captain's practice, a football game among the players, and a team dinner on Friday, April 15, according to assistant coach Jake Rick.

Castleton went 2-0 on the weekend defeating its North Atlantic Conference opponents by a combined score of 36-5, including a shutout on Sunday, April 16 over the University of Maine-Farmington 14-0.

Head coach Brian Kingsbury said that the building was something the team needed.

"When the season's coming to an end it's a good time to reshape and get stronger," Kingsbury said.

The older players agreed that team-building was needed.

"(The team-building) was good," junior midfielder Sam Bailey said. "It helped our team a lot. Our team got together and we supported each other like we needed."



EMMA RUDNICK / CASTLETON SPARTAN

Alex Green eludes a Farmington defender on April 17.

Freshman sensation Alex Green led the balanced Spartan offense with four goals, one assist, and 11 ground balls against Farmington. Through 12 games, Green leads the team in points (44) and goals (32).

Junior midfielder A.J. Groot opened the game with a natural hat-trick, followed by a Luke Titus tally and the Spartans closed out the first quarter on top 4-0. The sto-

ry was the same in the second with Green striking three times, being joined by sophomore middie Brian McCarthy's fifth of the season. Castleton entered halftime up 8-0.

The Spartans dominated play in the second half as well to close out the win with a 79-16 shot-advantage and 70-31 advantage in ground balls.

Castleton junior goalie and co-captain Dave DeGhetto made four saves for the win and handed the reigns to sophomore Tom Manley midway through the third quarter. Manley stopped both shots he faced.

"I think it's working hard and having confidence in ourselves and what we can do as a team and as individuals," Bailey said.

Bailey and Castleton took care of business on Saturday, April 16 as well with a 22-5 victory over Thomas College.

Green had four goals and three assists to lead the Spartans and Bailey followed close behind with three goals and a helper of his own.

The Spartans outshot the Terriers 66-17 and finished with a 68-31 ground ball-advantage.

"We got to stay close together as a team," Bailey said. "We've got two more conference games left that we should win and we need to have a good game against (SUNY) Cobleskill before we start the NAC tournament."

Softball ends seven-game skid with two wins in ME

By Hannah Messer
Castleton Spartan

The Castleton softball team grabbed two big wins this weekend in Maine to improve its record to 11-17 and 5-5 in the Northern Atlantic Conference. The Spartans had two doubleheaders facing both Thomas College and the University of Maine-Farmington.

The Spartans lost the first doubleheader against Thomas 5-4 and 7-0, one of which went into eight innings.

In the opening game, Castleton senior Sarah Flore put the Spartans on top 2-0 with RBI singles in the first and third innings. Thomas responded in the bottom of the third, when Mallorie Blakney hit a two-run triple, allowing Alexandra Kriegel and Lindsay Fry to make it home.

Castleton's Siobhan Whittemore gave the Spartans a 4-3 lead in the top of the eighth, but Kriegel soon answered with a

two-run single to give Thomas the 5-4 win in the extra eighth inning.

Spartans pitcher Taylor Lively, was handed the loss on 7.1 innings, 11 hits, five runs, four earned, three walks and four strikeouts.

Thomas pitcher, Jordan Kennedy stifled the Spartan offense, throwing a complete game three-hitter while striking out 10 to get the win. Leading for Thomas' offense was Samantha Moore going 3-for-3 with a triple, a double and four RBIs. Pitching for the Spartans was sophomore Emily Sweeney. Caylee Fleury, had two hits for Castleton in that game.

It was a different story against the University of Maine-Farmington. The Spartans ended their seven-game losing streak by defeating Farmington 4-2 and 6-1. In game one, Sweeney pitched for the Spartans, giving up two runs on five hits, four walks and three strikeouts in seven innings to improve her record to 4-8.

Emma Vaillancourt pitched seven innings for Farmington giving up eight hits, four runs, four walks and seven strikeouts. Getting on the scoreboard first was Castleton, when junior Shannon Jipner got hit by a pitch with the bases loaded for a 1-0 lead. Castleton sophomore Mercedes Maltbie followed, with a walk for one of her four RBIs in the two game series and a 2-0 advantage. Megan Blongy and Flore both singled while right fielder Tori Fearon was walked in between the base knocks to start the inning.

The Beavers responded in the bottom of the fourth inning with a pair of runs, tying the game at 2-2. Liz Sargent drove in Samantha Morency with a RBI double and Casey Mull grounded out to first base to even the score heading into the fifth.

In the sixth inning, Castleton pushed two more runs across, taking advantage of a fielding error. Flore came through for the Spartans again, roping a single to left field,

plating Sweeney and Blongy for the 4-2 advantage.

In game two, Lively earned the victory, improving her record to 6-9 on seven innings, five hits, one run, two walks and a game-high seven punchouts.

Vaillancourt pitched six innings, yielding nine hits, five runs, four walks and six strikeouts.

Both teams earned runs in the third inning as Fleury scored on another fielding error for Castleton, and Barnes plated a running with an infield single for a 1-1 score.

In the fifth, the Spartans erupted for three runs on Maltbie's ninth double of the season - a three-run knock - scoring Fleury, Fearon and Flore to take a 4-1 lead. Castleton added another run in the sixth from a RBI single by Flore and another in the seventh. The Spartans had seven hits in game two led by a 3-for-4 performance from Blongy and Maltbie.

Spartans go 3-for-4 on homestand against Thomas



EMMA RUDNICK / CASTLETON SPARTAN
Tyler Erickson delivers a pitch on April 16 against Thomas.

By Shawn Medeiros
Castleton Spartan

Baseball is a simple game. Throw it, hit it and catch it. Castleton's mindset from game-to-game couldn't get any simpler either.

"We approach each series and just try to win that series," head coach Ted Shipley said.

The Spartans didn't stray away from their philosophy over the weekend taking three-out-of-four games from North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) East opponent, Thomas College, pushing their record to 14-16 overall and 8-4 in the conference.

On Friday, April 15, Castleton took game one, 13-3, and game two, 15-4.

Thomas snuck in a win on Saturday in game one behind a stellar pitching performance from Jake Chamblee (seven innings, one earned run, two walks and five strikeouts) for a 4-1 victory

but the Spartans bounced back in game two thumping the Terriers, 13-4.

"We would have liked to have gotten all four, because that would have put us in a good situation in terms of possibly hosting the conference tournament," Shipley said. "But it was certainly good to take three-out-of-four from Thomas."

Castleton used a thundering offense to bury the Terriers all weekend as the Spartans' bats pounded out 36 hits for 42 runs, averaging 10.5 per game over the four-game set.

Right fielder Matt Eisenhuth highlighted the offense going 7-for-11 at the plate - a .636 batting average in four games - scoring five runs while driving in a team-high seven.

Statistics aside, Shipley is still pushing this team to improve.

It's hard to believe considering what Castleton accomplished over the weekend. But that's what

coaches have to do when they know their team is capable of back-to-back NEAC East Division championships.

"We still need to improve in all areas [of the game]. We can pitch it better, we can become a better team offensively and we can improve defensively," Shipley said. "If I had to pick one area - I would say if we can improve our pitch-by-pitch intensity we will become better. We tend to have too many little lapses that come back to bite us."

The Spartans have four conference games remaining on their schedule before entering the NEAC East Division Playoffs against Lyndon State College, a team they have not lost to since 2008.

Castleton hosts Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute today at 4 p.m. before hitting the road to take on the Hornets in conference play on Friday, April 22 and Saturday, April 23.

Van Der Kar, Castleton beat Westfield State in NEWLA game

By Kristie Dunchus
Castleton Spartan

The Castleton women's lacrosse team bounced back from an early deficit against Westfield State University on Saturday evening at Spartan Stadium. Senior Marie Van Der Kar scored seven goals and freshman goalie Ashly Neal made 12 saves to lead Castleton to a 16-11 win over its New England Women's Lacrosse Alliance rival.

Castleton trailed 3-1 with just under 25 minutes left in the first half after Westfield's Laura Chiricosta scored a free-position goal, but the Spartans capitalized on their momentum scoring six-straight goals over the next 14 minutes to take a lead, which they never surrendered.

Van Der Kar scored and initiated the run, while Junior Angelica Mazzola knotted up the score with a free-position goal three minutes later. Van Der Kar capped off two more and Mazzola struck again to push the Spartans ahead 6-3 with just under 13 minutes left. Junior Stephanie Paproski also chipped in a goal with just minutes remaining left in the half to complete the surge.

The Owls battled to get back in game, but the Spartans answered, scoring the final two goals of the half and the first after intermission to take a 10-4 advantage. The teams traded goals in the second half, but there was no turning back for Castleton, which hung on for the win. The Spartans outshot the Owls 39-27.

Paproski was next in

line in the scoring column for Castleton with four goals on the evening, while Freshman Amanda Flodstrom and Mazzola added two goals apiece. Freshman Sarah Clark chipped in one, rounding out the Spartan scoring. Head Coach Tammy Landon was very proud and pleased with her teams efforts on Saturday evening.

"We played one of our best games of the year," Landon said. "We played together as a team on all sides of the ball."

Landon said every player in their position did their job exceptionally well and talked about her team's ability to take control of a possession, which ultimately leads to its success.

"Our goal is to own the possession and that is a big reason why we won. We took the possession on every draw," she said. "We really took them out of the game. We owned the possession which led to more goals for us."

With playoffs just around the corner Landon is very excited and confident that if her team keeps its same mentality it will be able to take down the number one seeded Bridgewater State, which, so far, is the only conference loss for the Spartans.

"If we can keep this momentum going we will be successful," she said.

With the win, Castleton improves to 7-3, (2-1 in conference play), while Westfield State fell to 5-4 (1-3). Castleton will return to action Wednesday, April 20. The Spartans will travel to Fitchburg, Mass. and take on the Falcons of Fitchburg State University.



EMMA RUDNICK / CASTLETON SPARTAN
The men's lacrosse team sports orange undershirts for the Four Diamonds Fund.

Lax teams host Orange Games

By Mike DelDotto
Castleton Spartan

Dozens of orange balloons danced in the wind, brightening Spartan Stadium on a chilly, overcast Saturday, April 16. The men's and women's lacrosse teams were hosting the Orange Games to benefit the Four Diamonds Fund for childhood cancer.

The men played their contest with Thomas College at 11 a.m., and the women hosted Westfield State University at 7 p.m.

Pioneering the event was Castleton athletic training student Amanda Kuchinski, whose younger brother, Dustin Beaver, was recently diagnosed with Leukemia.

Kuchinski, a junior, said she got the idea from the women's ice hockey team's annual "Pink the Rink" event.

"I am really close with the women's lax team," said Kuchinski, who was an athletic trainer with the program a season ago.

Kuchinski explained that orange was the color that represented Leukemia, similar to pink representing breast cancer and red to signify AIDS. Kuchinski told her friend, Brian Roche, a player on the men's team, about the idea, and he suggested a weekend where the men and women were playing home games.

"[Amanda] decided what games and what weekend worked best," Roche said of Kuchinski's commitment to the event.

"The men's team was so accepting," Kuchinski said. "They gave him a jersey."

There was an extra number 34 jersey floating around the stadium and field as the 12-year-old Beaver was an honorary member of the men's team. He carried the special wooden stick the players pay homage to each game and led the 25 players that doubled his height into battle.

Beaver, the honorary captain, handled the pregame coin toss as well.

The players donned orange warm ups that they wore for the entirety of the game underneath their home whites. And on the backs of the new team helmets, each player had an orange ribbon sticker.

The Spartans beat Thomas soundly 22-5 on the inspiration from the young number 34.

"It's great, man, to play for others," men's head coach Brian Kingsbury said. "It's a great way to raise money and awareness."

Beaver joined the women's team in a cold, stormy night game as another honorary player.

"Our game was so cold, but he was excited to run out with us," head women's coach Tammy Landon said. "But after that he kind of hung out in the press box. I think his highlight was the [men's game]."

The women followed suit and beat Westfield State 16-11 on further inspiration from the bravest Spartan in the stadium that day.

Donations were collected and each of the programs donated \$300 worth of orange t-shirts to be sold with the "Diamonds for Dustin" orange tees. Kuchinski said she had made over \$700 after the first game.

Kuchinski said on Monday, April 18, that the official count was at \$2,000 with more donations still being accepted.

The money will be donated to the Four Diamonds Fund that helps cover medical expenses insurance won't.

Beaver was very appreciative, according to Kuchinski, and she also said that his favorite parts of the event was tailgating with both the teams after their wins.

"I think it would be fantastic to make [the orange games] an annual event," Landon said.

Rugby teams compete in Beast of the East

By Jessica Lawrenson
Castleton Spartan

Seven rugby fields are lined up side by side and from eight in the morning until six at night on Saturday, April 16 and there is nothing but rucking, scrumming, and tackling.

This is Beast of the East and it is the largest rugby collegiate tournament in the world.

The Castleton men's and women's club rugby teams drove over five hours to Beast of the East in Rhode Island. Here, they played two games each.

Unfortunately, it was a long, windy and cold day and both teams lost both their games.

The women's team ended up playing Rutgers University, a school in a higher division than the Spartans, which didn't sit well with coach Megan Phillips.

"We should not have played them," Phillips said after the loss.

But not everyone took the defeat as hard.



JESSICA LAWRENSON / CASTLETON SPARTAN
Castleton rugger players pursue a Rutgers player.

Lani Willard, a senior player, thought it was a good learning experience and was great for the new players to experience this tournament. She just wishes the weather was better because of the long break in between the games in the cold.

Coach Sandy Stragnell, or as his teams like to call him

"Sandman," thought that overall the teams did well.

"It was a horrible, rotten, no good day but the teams kept their spirits up and did the best they could," Stragnell said. "Our teams did not get demoralized because they were able to maintain a positive attitude."

"I got to play rugby and that's what makes me happy," said Brooke Suprenant, women's rugby president, trying to keep a positive attitude about the weekend.

Mark Manjuck, the President of the men's team, said the men's team did well and were just happy the school let them go to this event.

Manjuck explained that the men's team had a lot of new players with little experience and it wasn't that the other teams were better they were just bigger.

"We played hard and everyone did what they were supposed to do," Manjuck said.

On the way home you would have never known that the teams lost, with the amount of energy they came home with.

"They still made an old man happy," said Stragnell.

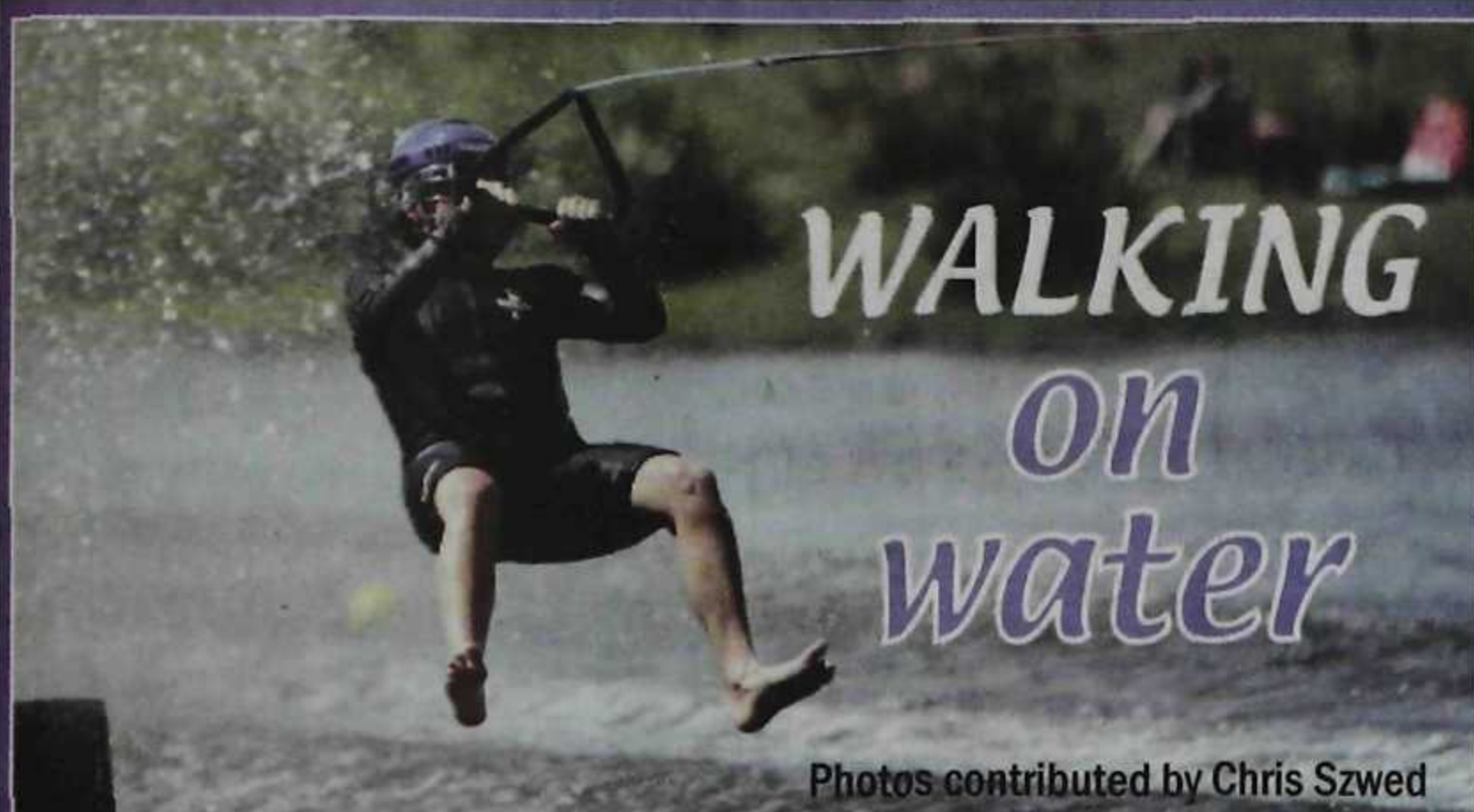
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Laura Szwed is ranked 3rd in the world for barefoot waterskiing.

By Alison Clark
Castleton Spartan

When Laura Szwed was 2 years old, she often went out on her family's motorboat on the lake near their White Lake, Mich. home. She would dangle her feet over the edge into the water while watching her father practice barefoot waterskiing. Because she seemed curious, her father made a safety harness from a rock climbing harness and put her behind their

boat with him to see if she could stand. She could. And did. And the act of walking on water has been a staple in Laura's life ever since. Szwed, AKA 'Sweeds,' a senior at Castleton State College, has been to the World Barefoot Competition three times and this past August was ranked third overall in the world at the Competition held in Germany. "It's like regular water skiing just faster," said Szwed with a shrug of

her shoulders. The petite, athletically built blonde nonchalantly describes a sport that requires being pulled behind a motor boat at speeds up to 45 mph with nothing between her and the water than the soles of her feet. Known as 'barefooting,' it is similar to regular waterskiing minus the skis. "All I can feel is the waterline right here," Szwed said pointing to the

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4 percent tuition increase for Vt.

By Wyatt Aloisio
Castleton Spartan

The cost of college education is on the rise across the nation and Castleton State College is no exception.

Though the recent increase of tuition cost by 4 percent for all Vermont State schools may not seem much, for some students it's just enough to make life all the more difficult.

"I pay my own way through school," said Castleton junior Stephanie Unaitis. "Some people can just continue on and rack up the debt for the long run, but for people like me who have to pay for school, rent, and food, a 'small' increase like this is so much of a hassle."

Though many students will have to deal with an increase of only a few hundred dollars, many students without loans will be forced to pay between \$400 and \$1,000 more in their tuition bills this year depending on whether they're in state or from outside Vermont.

Since the early 1970's, state tax funds spent on education have decreased

significantly. Recent statistics released by the Vermont State Colleges United Professionals ranks Vermont higher education as being 49th among all states.

"The tuition costs for students are just too high," says sociology professor and Castleton's teacher's union representative Linda Olson.

"The only way to survive is to increase the tuition, the only way to do so is charge students. But loans and grants just aren't enough to make up for that increase for students."

On April 15, Olson along with two students from her Sociological Theory class traveled to Montpellier to talk to legislators about the tuition increase.

Stephanie Terry, one of the students present, remarked how despite the trip being informative about the democratic process in Vermont, representatives didn't see higher education as a priority.

"When we were there, voting on a higher education budget had passed and they had moved on to health care with a focus on human

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GRADUATION 2011 Candlelighting tradition re-ignites pride

By Ali Flewelling
Castleton Spartan

With commencement swiftly approaching, graduating seniors are shuffling across campus eager to finish their final weeks at Castleton. Despite all of the excitement surrounding their send-off, the candlelighting ceremony will provide them with one last opportunity to reflect on their Castleton experience before the big day.

"It's part of a tradition that goes way back to when the school was small," said Ray Sevigny, president of the Castleton Alumni Board. "It's a little tradition everyone can share."

Sevigny, a 1968 graduate, said that the candlelighting was the

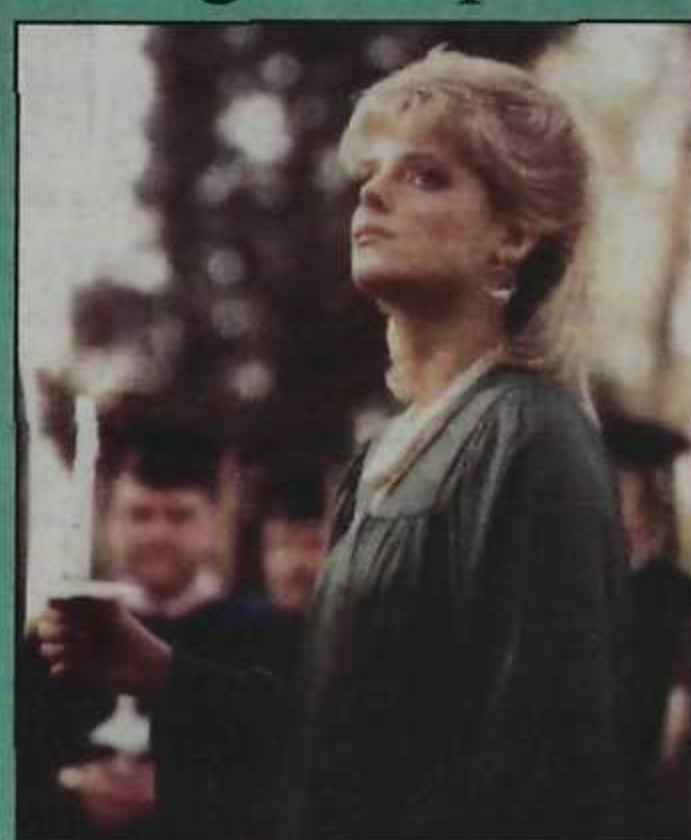
first thing he participated in as a Castleton student.

Candlelighting has taken place on campus for over 100 years. The Alumni Gates, which were gifts from the classes of 1932 and 1933, play an important role in this tradition. As freshman, students are invited to light their candles and pass through the Alumni Gates, entering the college. Four years later, students relight their candles and walk back through the Alumni Gates, this time leaving the college.

"The ceremonies work as bookends," said Matthew Patry, academic counselor.

Patry, a 1986 graduate, remembers the ceremony from his freshman orientation.

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A graduate from '86 holds her candle.

Grads fear unemployment is imminent

By Karen Trudeau
Spartan Contributor

The small, cluttered office is cozy and homelike, not exactly what you'd expect from a place where such important life goals are made into reality. Judith Carruthers sits with one leg tucked up under her, a knowing smile on her

face, as a reporter bustles into her office, clearly flustered and in a hurry.

Within minutes Carruthers has the reporter at ease. She has clearly handled the nervous energy of seniors with too much on their plates many times before. She recognizes that seniors at this stage in the game are often over-

whelmed with the task of graduating and figuring out where they are going next.

"I don't think they even want to say 'hi' on campus for fear that I'm going to ask them what they are doing after school," Carruthers said.

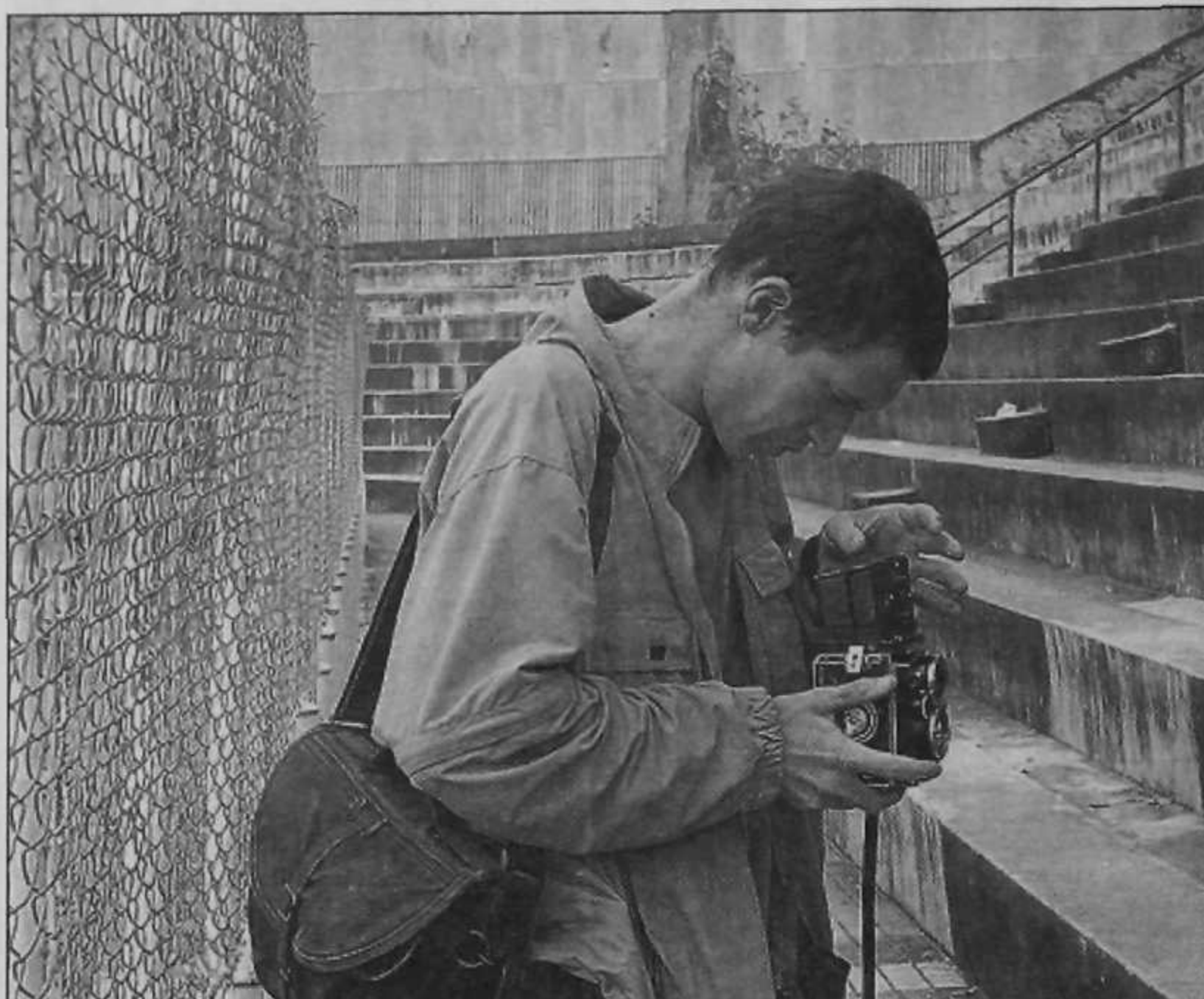
Students all over are feeling the pressures associated with graduation and

the subsequent job search.

Castleton State College senior Lani Willard is a major by contract in sociology and psychology. She admits that she feels pressure from the adults in her family to have her job situation figured out.

"Especially people like my grandma, and those

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Tim Hetherington taking photos in Angola circa 2002.

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Lest we not forget

By Anders Ax
Castleton Spartan

On Wednesday, April 20, Tim Hetherington, a highly decorated photojournalist and war photographer was tragically killed while photographing the front lines in the city of Misrata during Libya's ongoing civil war. A mortar, or rocket propelled grenade, fired by pro-Qaddafi forces exploded in the vicinity of a group of photographers mortally wounding Hetherington and inflicting severe head trauma on Chris Hondros, another photographer, who later succumbed to his injuries.

Hetherington covered conflicts in Liberia, Sierra Leone, Nigeria and other countries. He is best known for co-directing the

2010 documentary *Restrepo*, which won the Grand Jury Prize at last year's Sundance Film Festival. *Restrepo* followed the men of 2nd Platoon of Battle Company on a 15-month deployment in the Korengal Valley of Afghanistan.

It was an area described as "the deadliest place on earth" (stated in the documentary, trailers and television commercials on the National Geographic Channel). Hetherington's and Sebastian Junger's video footage of *Restrepo* presents the battles, the death and the lives of the men of outpost *Restrepo*, without any form of political commentary or narration making it the closest, most vivid portrayal of the continuing war in Afghanistan.

The death of Hetherington is shocking, yet not unexpected. He put himself in harms way for a love of storytelling and bringing to light the atrocities of the world that need to be seen. That was his career, going where no one should want to be. Yet he did and his incredible images will survive even when his legacy may not.

This is the inevitable betrayal of the news and media. The story dies once it's alive. For an instant all eyes turn, but just as quickly readjust and focus again and again. On Friday his name was barely mentioned and on the next Monday he'd disappeared.

But Tim Hetherington and Chris Hondros shouldn't be forgotten. Journalists are the sages of

history and, unfortunately their presence is taken for granted and expendable. No person in their right mind should commit themselves to recording atrocities, let alone making repeated visits to war zones and surviving.

Their bravery and resolve is what tells the world what goes on. If one day reporters simply did not exist, how would anyone be capable of capturing lucid, chronological data and powerful discussions with people? A journalist, a good one, with a soul of objectivity, daring, luck and talent will break to people, and always will, moments in history that changed the world.

They will never be forgotten.

Attention Readers:

Dear Spartan readers,

It is my unfortunate duty to inform you of a severe situation surrounding one of the articles in our April 20 issue.

It was recently brought to our attention by student Shelby Lacroix, a former staff writer, that the story "Snow down rocks Vt." was taken from her and submitted to The Spartan by Douglas Phillips as his own story.

Phillips, who is not a staff writer, had approached Dave Blow, the advisor of The Spartan, and asked to write the story for us.

Phillips' story features many paragraphs that have been lifted directly from Lacroix's story while other paragraphs have been altered in small ways.

This is not an issue for only The Spartan, though, as Lacroix's article had already been published in *Cider Magazine*, a Rutland area publication devoted to recognizing local music. I have been in touch with Brian Joy, the editor of *Cider Magazine*, and we are working to rectify the situation.

Please check out Lacroix's story on her personal blog *Creative Harmony* by visiting <http://www.csc-slaskbj.net/>.

On behalf of everybody at The Spartan, I would like to apologize for letting this plagiarized story reach our readers and I would like to assure readers that we will do everything in our power to make sure this doesn't happen again.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email us at TheSpartan@castleton.edu or stop by the office in the new communication wing in Leavenworth Hall.

Sincerely,

John Shramek, Spartan editor

Editors Note: Below is an apology letter written by student Douglas Phillips for the plagiarism of fellow student Shelby Lacroix's story on the snow down Festival previously published in Cider Magazine

Dear Spartan Readers,

I am truly ashamed of my actions of taking material from another student and publishing it in the Spartan Newspaper.

I have never done such an act before at Castleton nor do I intend to in the future. I am gutted for robbing a fellow student and friend of their work and pride.

Do not blame the Spartan Newspaper, Castleton School, but solely myself.

I take full responsibility for my lack of unprofessional conduct and learned a serious lesson.

I hope the student body, faculty and *Cider Magazine* can move forward from this incident.

Truly gutted,

Douglas J. Phillips

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Be grateful for what you have

By Nick Minarik
Castleton Spartan

The school year is winding down once again and everyone seems to be in a panic about something. Finals are coming up for every grade level, projects are due in many upper-level courses, seniors are worried about where their journey will bring them and criminal justice majors have more than the usual mountain of work on their plates.

This is when people buckle down and don't look back—do or die time, if you will. There's no time to stop and enjoy the finally-warming Vermont air or the finally-blooming Vermont flowers.

Everyone seems to think he or she is the person with absolutely the most on his plate. No one could possibly have to do more than the seniors with their projects, or the CJ majors with their reports, or the freshmen with their drinking and partying.

I'm going to take a step back and tell a story.

This spring break, a fellow writer for The Spartan was enjoying time with friends and returned home to find half of her house engulfed in flames. There was no warning, and within minutes her house became unlivable and one of her beloved pets died.

That may seem random and disconnected, but you have to see experiences like that and think to yourself about how truly lucky you are to have everything you do have.

Another example comes from a book I read this semester, "The Diving Bell and the Butterfly."

It chronicles the life of a man who suffers from what is called "locked-in syndrome," which is a horrendous case of being fully aware and conscious, but being completely paralyzed. The author of the book was fortunate enough to still be able to blink his left eye, and after devising a method of communication, used that one device to write a memoir.

After reading that, I've found myself stopping while walking places to think about how lucky I am to be able to walk. We take for granted such simple everyday things as being able to run at the gym, drive to the mall, breathe through our noses, hear flawlessly, and have a roof over our heads to return to at night.

And never is it more apparent than this time of year.

I don't want anyone to think that I'm belittling anyone's situations. There's not a doubt in my mind that I wouldn't be a happy camper if I had four portfolios and a project to do for five different classes in a week.

I'm not saying stop your life to have a Zen moment. What I am saying is that, when your life gets thrown into high gear, appreciate the ability to keep up with it, because you never know when the rug could get pulled out from under you. Then, even in a worst-case scenario, you could at least say you have no regrets.

Sounding Off

Reflections on Recent Events

Triple Play, Blues Workshop

"This workshop was an amazing display of the blues, and I was immensely impressed with all three of the performers. They explained the history of the blues with such clarity that you couldn't help but imagine yourself in the time period they were describing. I was especially surprised when I learned that blues preceded both jazz and rock and roll. European musicians knew about and performed songs of that genre before Americans had even heard of them, and both slave songs and European instruments contributed to its birth. This was a lot of fun, and informative as well!"

-Wells Hunter

Triple Play, Performance

"This performance was unique because they have played not only jazz, but all other musical genres of American pop that were spawned from jazz... The performance was an overall homogenization of American music. I thought of all the countries in the world that have adopted these musical styles as their own and how possibly in the future we may reach an age of cultural

homogenization."

-Andrew Todaro

"...The music I listen to never includes the harmonica and I have found that this performance has made me love the way it sounds..."

-Annie Towslee

Castleton State College Jazz Ensemble

"...I best relate to solos. Although jazz is for the most part a multi-instrument genre, soloing demonstrates great courage, confidence, and skill. With no one to cover for your mistakes, a real level of self-reliance is shown."

-Alex Niles

"I relate most to the ensemble, because life is about working in harmony with one another. In school, work, and in your personal life, you must learn to work together as a team. It is the only way to get things accomplished. There are appropriate times for solos, but overall, you need an ensemble."

-Laura Fellows

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Señor Senior



Mike DelDotto

I'm graduating May 14. I have to join the real world. I'm probably not going to, but I have to soon. So this is a bummer, but I'm excited to move on I guess. I'll get to experience early adulthood, whoopee. By that I mean, I'm going to keep doing what I've been doing, just in my parents basement for a few months. Castleton's been my home the last four years for the most part, and I'm sad to move away.

Well, this is it. No more college after this week. No more school after this, either. I'm going to miss it all. I remember my first party. Oh yeah.

Castleton changed a lot since I first arrived in 2007. I'll remember how hot it is in September and then 30 degrees in October.

I'll remember what the Campus Center used to look like, with the amphitheater; upgrade for sure. I'll remember Frisbee in the fields, and when I first saw the lights get erected at Spartan Stadium. I'll remember Huden and all the dorms and suites too.

I'll remember S.O.S. and the green recycle frog, and buying a recycle bin for my place off campus. I'll remember "Pub Nights" even though I've only been to one I think, but I'll remember them! I'll remember Soundings in the F.A.C. and being the only nerd who finished them on time. I'll remember mentoring and all the hundreds of other campus activities too.

I'll remember my first fallball practice for lacrosse and of course my first game. Separated shoulder. I'll remember my first 6 a.m. workout and how I was pondering ways to not die. And all the bros, too. NAC champs.

I'll miss having friends in such a small radius, and all the texting and lack of walking. I'll remember how far a crushed can travels off the end of a Wiffleball bat and a cell phone too. And a cinder block for that matter, (not far). Damn, we hit a lot of shit with bats. I'll remember the Halloweens. Obviously. Come on, bro. And the Dog too.

There's a lot I'll take with me. There are too many memories. It would take forever to write them. I'll have them though, so that'll be key. I don't know why I'm being all nostalgic. There's still a couple weeks left on my lease after May 14 anyway.

College was awesome. Going out on my own will be equally as awesome if I decide so. So yeah. Say what up if you're going to graduation. This isn't a tight-knit group like those lame high school team-building activities, "yay seniors!" You have those too? I bet you did. But good luck to all the other folks graduating with me. And if you're not graduating or going, have a great summer anyway because we went to college together, so we're homies.

Peace.



A chain of life

Can tab chain helps make a difference in children's lives.



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By Robert Stover
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A 900-foot long chain of aluminum can tabs will help thousands of children and their families around the states sleep better at night. Throughout the year, a joint effort between Castleton State College, Castleton Elementary School and Castleton Village School raised a record breaking number of these aluminum tabs for Shriners Hospital for children.

Shriners Hospital for Children is a health care system of 22 hospitals that provides free pediatric specialty care to children up to age 18 with orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lips and palates, according to the hospital's web site.

The aluminum tab fund-raiser helps to make children more comfortable during their stay at these hospitals.

"All medical care from the Shriners Hospitals being free, the money from these tabs will pay for non-medical wishes such as iPods so the children can listen to music, a computer to Skype with family and friends, a stuffed animal to hug and love," says Jan Rousse, assistant director of the Robert T. Stafford Center for the Support and Study of the Community. "It can also be used to help the child's family stay close by the hospital, for lodging and food."

Rousse said she's not sure how much money was raised by the tabs because hospital officials don't sell the tabs until the aluminum market peaks.

The fund-raising effort culminated with a celebration at the Castleton State College stadium this past Thursday. Rousse, the students involved, Shriners Representative Derek Corbett, Dana Pulkinen of the CSC Student Government Association and Castleton Col-

lege President David Wolk were among the attendees and speakers. "This must set a record," stated Wolk in amazement. "It does set a record, a lot bigger than former years."

The celebration began with a jaw-dropping entry by the more than 150 students involved with the fund-raiser. They entered the stadium, single file, carrying the seemingly never-ending chain of tabs. This entrance ended with the students standing in the shape of a C, for Castleton, around the majority of the football field.

"I am very impressed by this," said Corbett, toting his official Cairo Shiners' hat, "because the effort that you put into it certainly is tremendous."

Everyone attending the celebration was at awe at the sight of the oversized chain of tabs. "I think that it's a really great thing to see how many students are here representing all the things that you have done in the past year," Pulkinen said to the students, "and I just want to thank you for the work that you guys put in, because I know it's a lot of fun for you guys and I hope you guys are having a lot of fun doing all of this."

Although the Castleton fund-raiser is over for the year, people can still help by continuing to collect and save their aluminum tabs, Rousse said.

"Your help is needed. Save your aluminum can tabs throughout the year, including the summer, and bring them in the fall when the fund-raiser returns," Rousse said. "Have your family and friends collect them too."

Those interested in volunteering for next year, individually or in a group, can contact Rousse in "The Center" at the Moriarty House, 62 Alumni Drive.

Nursing for dummies

By Kealy Chipman
Spartan Contributor

Have you ever walked past the nursing wing and had to take a second look at the life-like mannequins lying in the beds? Well, these highly technological and very expensive manikins ain't no dummies and are taking hands-on learning to a new level.

Mannequins have been around the Castleton nursing program for about 20 to 25 years. Different models with different levels of technology have been in and out of the wing. But the nursing department is dropping \$12,000 on each of these new additions Vital Sim Manikins, including four adults and one child.

And with these new patients, the old ones aren't needed anymore. But they likely won't be headed to a morgue of any sort.

Kelley McAfee, the nursing department lab coordinator, is very optimistic about donating the older manikins.

"We would like to do-

nate them somewhere local for educational purposes," McAfee said. "We are recycling them really; we are very sustainable here in the nursing department."

With the old ones being donated, the new ones are ready to be used by the students - and they are very excited. Sophomore Amanda Kelly is psyched to work on the new Manikins.

"It's really nice that we can learn different things with the manikins," Kelly said. "They can have different symptoms for different reasons, so the span of learning is wide open."

McAfee is also excited about the teaching possibilities these new not-so-dumb dummies provide.

"The new Manikins have state of the art technology that is all controlled by individual remotes," McAfee said.

Students can read the Manikins' heartbeats, check blood pressure, inject medicine and test breathing patterns, she said.

"They are like real people, the only things they

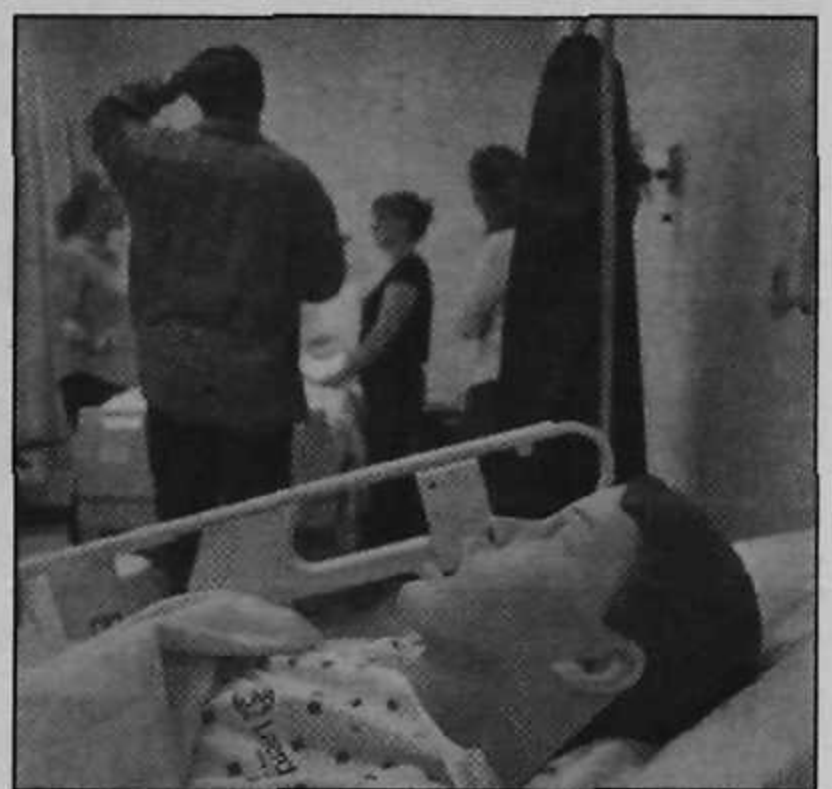
don't do is talk and have flowing blood," said graduate student Katelyn Savoy.

Savoy said she came to Castleton to do her graduate courses because she knew how the hands-on work that professors incorporate into the learning process.

"The nursing professors have designed a method to monitor the students while they are doing a planned activity and allow the students to do the situation the best they can. After the activity is done the teachers will share what they did well and what could have done better. Essentially, students are making their own mistakes so they can learn from them" Savoy said.

The methods, according to McAfee, really benefit the students.

"One of the cool things about all of this is that the student has evaluated their own actions in their head during the activity and the often know what they can improve on. This really is the key... if the student can



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New mannequins bring life to nursing at CSC.

identify the areas of growth for themselves, they can begin to make the behavior adjustments and improve their own role development as a nurse," McAfee said.

This process is called verbal debriefing and professors said these discussions after the activity are essentially to the learning process.

Professors are hopeful in the near future they can buy an \$85,000 manikin that has blood flowing and can talk. For now, though,

they're happy with the new manikin family.

"Without the new Manikins in the nursing department, the hands on part of learning wouldn't be there for the students. It's key that the students can listen to the manikins, work on them and find out what's wrong with them. You can't do that if you are learning out of a book. In nursing, hands on is really the only way to learn," McAfee said.

PE Dept. recognized by Special Olympics

By Andrew Lezzer
Spartan Contributor

Castleton State College's physical education program is all about getting kids moving and the department was recently recognized for getting dozens of Special Olympians and its own students doing just that.

The department was recently named Youth Organization of the Year by Vermont Special Olympics. The VSO recognizes non-profit organizations around the state that volunteer time and expertise to the program.

"It's a way for us to recognize those who go above and beyond," said Vermont Special Olympics Program Director Dona Diaz. "We couldn't do it without the support

of Castleton.

The physical education program was acknowledged for its dedication and hard work on behalf of the VSO and its special athletes. Lisa Pleban is the associate professor and coordinator of the Physical Education Teacher Program at Castleton who helped lead the effort.

"We don't do it for the recognition, we do it because it's an important experience for our students," said Pleban. "They learn to be great role models."

The Vermont section of the Special Olympics, like all state level sections, is made up of various schools, dedicated volunteers and the athletes and families that use the program's services. The program at Castleton is just one of

many statewide that hosts Special Olympics.

"One of our goals is to get our students working with all kinds of people, not just school children, and to keep building those relationships after they graduate," Pleban said.

Physical education majors like senior Courtney Chadburn volunteer their time and knowledge to help run activities like the unified sports games. The games are scheduled events and sporting contests for these special athletes, including basketball, that help build team bonding and sportsmanship. More importantly, organizers say, it's a chance for the kids to have fun.

"We set up events, referee and coach the games, and get the ath-

letes water," said Chadburn. "The greatest part is getting to know them and their personalities." Although students not involved with physical education program seem to know little about the school's involvement with the Special Olympics, all interviewed applauded the effort when told about it.

"I think it's awesome that our students give back to others less fortunate," said junior Chris North. "It sounds like a rewarding experience."

Those involved with program say North is right.

"Seeing the kids smile and enjoy being active is inspiring," said senior Eric Slosek. "We're physical educators and we love to see kids moving!"

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Philosophy majors tout program, seek recruits

By Anders Ax
Castleton Spartan

Having offered philosophy classes since 1986, the philosophy department at Castleton State College now offers a bachelor of arts degree and has broadened its focus of study beyond just the love of wisdom.

"It builds bridges between disciplines in the liberal arts," said philosophy professor Brendan Lalor. "Philosophy issues often come back. Questions and answers that come around again and again: What is it to live a good life?"

Professor Robert Johnson heralded the proposal for the major in '06, 20 years after beginning his teaching career at Castleton.

"I was a literature major, then I took philosophy," said Johnson. "The difference being I thought about what I'd learned."

With only two full-time and four part-time professors, the department is capable of supporting 14 classes each semester. Castleton, says Lalor, is also the only school of the Vermont Students Assistance Corporation that offers a degree in philosophy.

"I immediately found it was something I could relate my life to," said Adam Chicoine, a Castleton junior and football captain.

Chicoine, who is a philosophy major, also found that he had "no idea" he wanted to study philosophy.

"It's about how you live your life, at the end of the day it's how happy you are," he said.

Megan Harris, Castleton sophomore, had enrolled in communications and criminal justice, but changed her degrees to philosophy and political science after deciding the pursuit of news was not tangible.

"I think philosophy needs to have more of a place in law because there are such basic structures in place in criminal justice systems, so much black and white, but not enough grey. It allows so many solutions," she said.

Harris says working in a field that she really enjoys "is one of my greatest accomplishments."

Some philosophy classes, other than the introduction and critical thinking courses, include philosophy of Indian sacred art, social and political philosophy, logic, medical ethics, comparative religion and the philosophy of love.

Reading the material, Harris said, she found answers every day that affirmed and denied her thoughts.

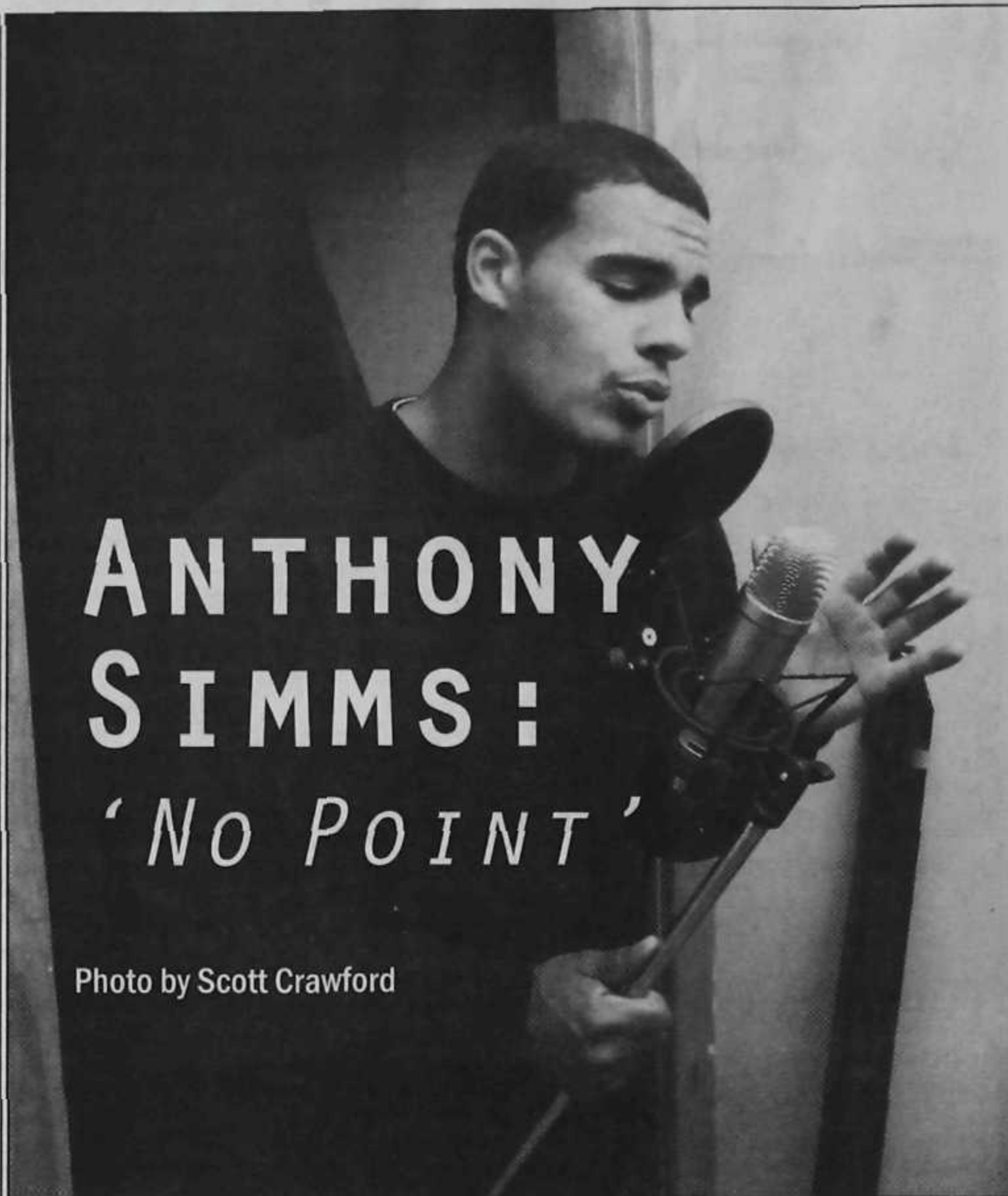
"For as long as I study, that will continue to happen," Harris said. "It makes that much sense and I wonder if others know about it."

Even the atmosphere allows itself to be foreign from other studies.

"You go into professor Lalor's class," said Chicoine. "He'll pull out his guitar at the beginning of class...It's sittin' Indian style."

Though there are only nine students with official majors in philosophy, with one, Erik Pettis, graduating May 14. There is only room for the department to go up.

"Stop the business classes," said Chicoine. "Let your mind go."



ANTHONY SIMMS: 'No Point'

Photo by Scott Crawford

By Megan Davis
Castleton Spartan

In a dark 8-by-10 bedroom with pillows stuffed in every corner and blankets covering the windows, there's a \$400 microphone just waiting to record whatever you have to say—or in this case, rap.

For junior Anthony Simms, this setting became a familiar one. It's where he spent upwards of 16 hours recording his rap song 'No

Point' for his Race and Gender class with the help of his producer, Scott Crawford.

"A lot of people don't realize how much time goes into one song, even with how simple it is," Crawford said.

Simms wrote the lyrics and developed the instrumentals for the song, in which he raps about there being no point to racism and the types of racism and hatred that are still going on today. It ranges from

retribution of the Native Americans to the wars going on today and all the racism in between.

"I've seen and experienced a lot of the stuff in the song. Being from Vermont, being someone of a small number of color, I've been pulled over for no reason other than being in an unfamiliar place at night," Simms said.

He said his parents also told him stories of being frequently harassed by the cops.

Simms didn't write all his lyrics from experience, he said he learned some in his Race and Gender class.

"The class is really informative. I'm thinking about adding some more stuff about the Latinos and Native Americans, maybe something about the Mississippi Burning, something from Obama's pastor. I have a lot of ideas," Simms said.

The lyrics came easily to Simms. "It was just messing around," he said.

"It was where to go from there that halted him a little.

"I didn't have the tools, but I knew what I wanted," Simms said.

That's where Scott Crawford comes in. Earning his Bachelor's degree in two years from Full Sail University in Florida, Crawford now has a studio set up in his father's house.

"With all the new technology, you don't need a large studio to put out a song. This was my first actual production. It was piece by piece. Each process is different according to the artist, but I gave him an outline and gave him free reign as an artist," Crawford said.

After spending a lot of time in that tiny room, the song was finally finished, complete with a sample of the slave song 'Wade in the Water' as sung by the late Eva Cassidy to go with the chorus.

"I think the song is really well done. It has a good message and thought-invoking lyrics. Anthony took discussions from Race and Gender class and ran with it to create something he should be proud of," said Simms' friend Matt Bijas, a junior.

'No Point' isn't Simms' first step into the spotlight, though. He also has a video out called 'C-Rock.' 'No Point' takes a much more serious tone than that one, but Simms isn't sure where he'll go from here.

"I might make a music video for 'No Point' as my senior project. I'm not gonna go and try and kick it to a bunch of people, but if they wanna do something with it, I have no problem with it," Simms said.

Students talk Palin and Snookie in Texas

CSC juniors and Professor Sanjukta Ghosh go to the National Popular Culture Association conference in Texas.

By Maria Arnot
Castleton Spartan

Never had it crossed my mind that I would someday visit Texas, let alone enjoy it. I must admit that over the years I have acquired many preconceived notions about Texas, so when I departed from Albany International Airport on April 21 heading to San Antonio, I wasn't quite sure of what to expect.

However, I was pleasantly surprised upon my arrival.

The 41st Annual National Popular Culture Association conference was held at the Marriot Rivercenter and Riverwalk Hotels in downtown San Antonio, just blocks away from The Alamo and directly adjacent to

the infamous River Walk.

Junior Lindsey Gullet and I embarked on the journey with professor Sanjukta Ghosh, each prepared to present our own separate papers at the conference.

"I've taken students several times, and I think that every time my students get better and better," said Ghosh. "This time, a faculty member said how wonderful the presentations were...and that she envied me for the students that I have...and that is such a compliment for both the students and for the college," she said.

The papers were on three very different topics. Mine was on the use of Latino workers in HGTV; Lindsey's was on an analysis of women athletes in

Sports Illustrated and professor Ghosh's on the media's treatment of Shirley Sherrod.

"As far as our presentations go, I was a bit nervous overall," said Gullet. "Luckily we didn't have to present until Saturday morning, so Friday we were able to get a feel for the conference and how it was being run," he said.

On Friday we attended a variety of different panels, ranging from one on the analyses shows such as *Jersey Shore*, *Sarah Palin's Alaska* and of *The Food Network*, to one on different ways to teach English Comp, like by using Lil' Wayne lyrics.

When Saturday rolled around, we were greeted by an unexpected problem: our Power Points did

not appear to be working.

"We had never had any problems with any of our technologies," said Gullet. "But of course, Murphy's Law, we had a few minor problems getting started."

Luckily, Gullet's PC managed to play his Power Point. I however, was stuck with a Keynote presentation on a Mac that refused to display on the projector.

So, without panic, surprisingly, I had my audience gather around my small computer screen so they were able to listen to the video clips that I had inserted into my presentation.

Despite the minor inconvenience, the presentations went very smoothly, and I thoroughly enjoyed the positive feedback that

we received.

In addition, my misperceptions of San Antonio at least, had been proved wrong. We had ample opportunity to explore the area surrounding the Hotel, visiting both the Alamo and the River Walk, and I found that everyone was friendly and it seemed to be a both a very clean and very safe city.

"It was a good experience to get some public speaking and to talk to some other people from other schools," said Gullet. "The conference itself was fairly well put together, and it was a great experience to see presenters from other schools and from across the U.S. and well, from across the World," said Gullet.

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Game Review: Portal 2 ★★★★★

By Nick Minarik
Castleton Spartan

People come to expect a lot from sequels, and very rarely does the developer follow through as perfectly as Valve did with Portal 2.

The original Portal took a very simple premise and put it into mind-bending practice: use a portal gun to navigate your way around a series of increasingly-difficult test chambers at the will of the malicious AI GLaDOS. The relatively short campaign definitely left room for expansion, but the dry hilarity that permeated the dialogue is what made the game truly great. I charge you to find a gamer who doesn't at least still smirk at mention of the cake being a lie, even after four years.

Portal 2 gives everyone more of exactly what they wanted from it: more portal-based puzzles, more in-game puzzle solving mechanics, more scripted hilarity.

But this time around there's actually character development.

Portal was a pretty straightforward game with a standard difficulty curve, which stood out for its clever puzzles and one-liners from GLaDOS. Portal 2 stands out for so much more. It's absolutely stellar voice acting by Ellen McClain and big name J.K. Simmons drives you through the plot and makes you really want to find out what the next dialog reveals. None of it feels cliché, and you actually will notice yourself feeling pity for different characters throughout the game, none of whom I can reveal without ruining some of what makes this game great.

The formula for level design is very simple but surprisingly functional. You either get on an elevator or go through a hallway or some other transition, and when you get off you start a familiar cycle: dialog, puzzle, solve the puzzle, dialog, transition. It's a great way to push you through the puzzles without making you feel skimped on the plot. This system really wouldn't work if the script weren't so hilarious, but that certainly wasn't a problem. I laughed at almost every line, except the ones not meant to be funny.

When I finished this game, there was a sense of satisfaction and completion unlike anything I've experienced in gaming to this point. No game has ever felt so beautifully resolved. Even the last cut scene is a mini rollercoaster ride which will have you smiling and frowning, back to smiling, and for you original Portal players, applauding at the end.

There's no excuse for not at least renting this game. As with Dead Space 2, if you haven't played the first you should grab it to get the background. You need to witness the genius that went into it, and you'll be seriously missing out if you pass it up.

And remember, always know your paradoxes.

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By Jessica Lawrenson
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Students crowd into the library to write their final papers, projects and study for final exams. But theater department seniors have different type of final to prepare for.

They have their own production.

This year, they did four performance of "The Misanthrope" by Moliere in the Black Box Theater. "The Misanthrope" is a comedy about what people think of others. Some of it was so humorous that even after many rehearsals you could see some performers fighting back laughter.

Theater professor Harry McEnery thought said the students picked a very hard play because everything in it rhymes. But he said he was happy with their performances.

"They all did great from lighting, acting, props and we christened the Black Box with this," said McEnery.

But for McEnery, there is a harsh reality with the graduating class' last production at Castleton.

"It sucks to lose seniors," said McEnery.

Some seniors said it doesn't feel real to be at the end of their college career.

"It hasn't quite hit me yet. It

probably won't until I don't have rehearsal for the first time in four years," said senior Ty Robinson.

Director of the production, Candis Machia, was also satisfied with how the production came out. She said she would do it again and described the end of it all as "bitter sweet."

Machia said it was difficult in the beginning, but it really came together the last week. On top of doing their senior project performance, many of those involved were also in the recent production of "A Chorus Line." This left them two weeks to work solely on "Misanthrope," said student actress Julie Banach.

"But once we got into the groove it all came out," said Banach.

Although the performance had to be headed by seniors in the theater department, some undergrads got to join in on the fun. Junior Julianne O'Connor auditioned when the cast had four openings. Even though she was cast this year, however, she still needs to perform in her class' production next year, but she said she feels better prepared and more excited to do it again. She wished the seniors good luck after they graduate and said she was looking forward to next year.

"I'm excited to see what comes of it all," said O'Connor.

CSC senior theater majors participate in the comedy, The Misanthrope.

Above: Left to Right Patrick Shortle, Christopher Pike, Julie Banach. Below: Morgan Bernhard.



Comedy Show Review:

Brian Regan at the Paramount

By Nick Minarik
Castleton Spartan

Downtown Rutland saw more activity than it usually does on April 27.

Cars pulled up to the jam-packed Paramount Theater to drop off passengers before hunting for parking spots, while others simply drove by, content to walk on such a gorgeous night.

A woman in a wheelchair was helped out of a van and entered the theater in the midst of families, loners, and everyone in between. Men in business suits, couples holding hands, groups of girls in sundresses, and what looked like three-generation households meshed together in the lobby, all in the same place for the same reason.

Brian Regan was in town. Denise Scarborough, a 47-year-old from Brandon Vt., had brought her two teenage sons and husband with her to take advantage of the opportunity to see Regan.

"My boys were the first ones to hear him," Scarborough said. "I'd be working in my office and they would be listening to [Regan] on the Internet, and I thought 'This is pretty good!'"

Of course, every big-name comedy act needs a warm-up comedian, and Joe Bolster rose to the occasion.

After a brief taste of his particular brand of comedy, he stepped to introduce the man of the hour.

"You've all seen him many

times on David Letterman, but he's here now in Rutland Vt..." was all that could be heard before the thunderous applause drowned him out.

Regan wound his way through his routine seamlessly, making smooth transitions between jokes. After finishing one story, he stopped to address the audience.

"Did anyone hear that really loud noise during that last joke?"

A few muffled laughs came from the floor level before one woman blurted out, "It's ten of nine!"

Regan couldn't help but laugh. "That explains everything,"

he joked. "You see, I live on the West coast, so out there we celebrate ten of six, that's all."

He took the ammo and never turned back.

"I know what the first thing I'll be asking when I get off stage is," he admitted.

After the hour and 15 minutes of hilarity had come to a close, Regan left the stage to the sound of an even louder ovation. The audience clearly wanted an encore, and he did not disappoint. He returned with an old fan favorite joke, "You Too and Stuff."

But not before he asked a few questions.

"But really... what was that noise?" he asked sheepishly. The same woman shouted from the audience, "Curfew!" Another man pointed out that the same noise happens in the morning, at which point Regan looked shocked.

"What do your bumper stickers here say?? 'Rutland: Strictest City in the World!'"

When Regan took his final bow, nothing but positive impressions were left.

"It was great," Scarborough said, clearly not disappointed by her first taste of Regan's live comedy.

Brent Barnett, a 31-year-old Rutland native who had come to see the show with his girlfriend, also thoroughly enjoyed his first Regan experience.

"It was freakin' hilarious," he said, still laughing.

When asked what his favorite joke was, he laughed even more.

"Definitely the 'ten-of-nine' joke."

Eric Olson, a 15-year-old from Burlington who had come to see the show with his sister and brother-in-law, agreed with Barnett.

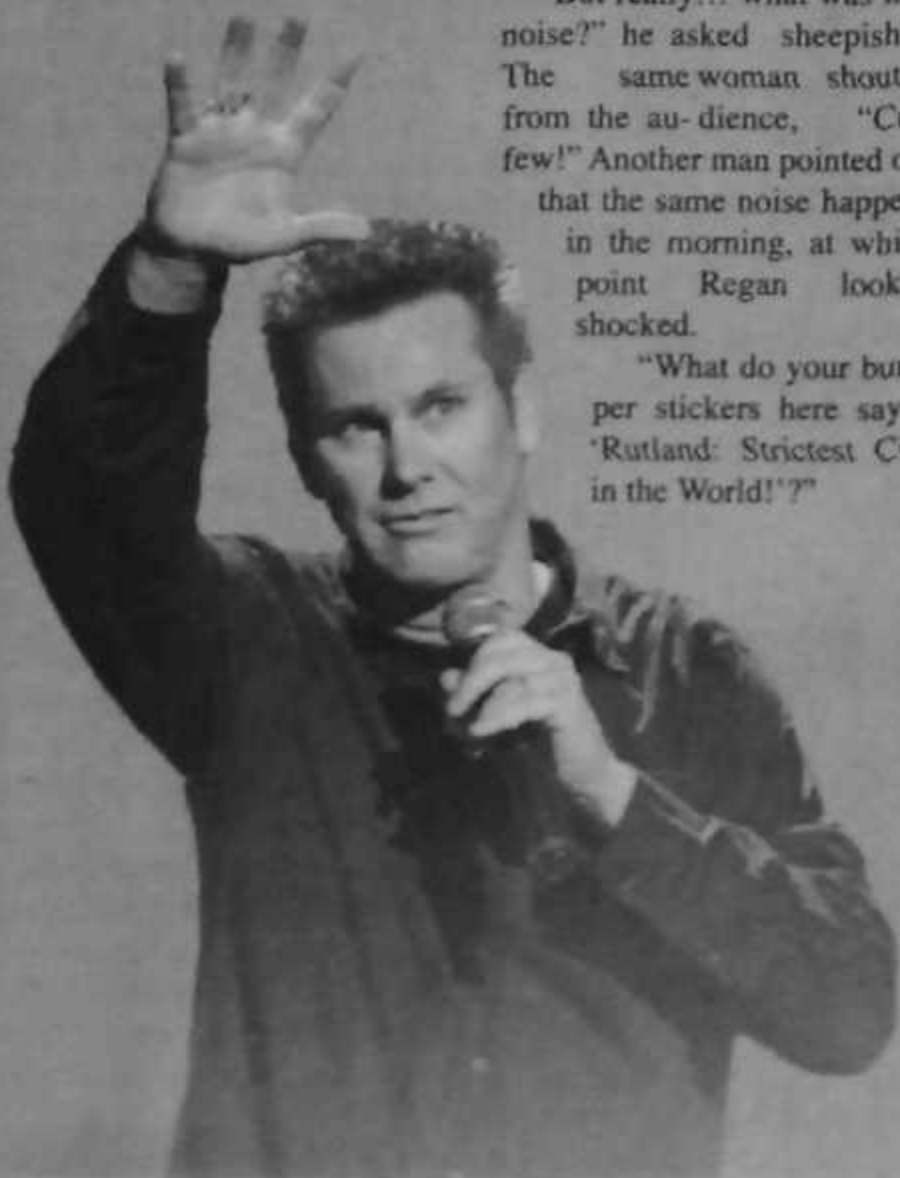
"It's hard to think of a favorite joke right now. I really liked the 'ten-of-nine' one though," he said.

His brother-in-law Jonathan was surprised by Regan's ability to ad-lib.

"It was really impressive to see him on the fly like that," he said.

Everyone in the theater that night got to share a completely unique experience with a comedy legend. Regan's rare ability to bring clean jokes chock-full of hilarious material to an entire family was not lost on anyone in the audience.

As the crowd left the theater and walked out into the warmest night of the year, not one mouth was without a smile.



Barefoot waterskier

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balls of her bare feet. "You have to know where the waterline is and keep your toes up. Unless your going backwards, then keep your heels up."

Not only does Szwed turn backwards, she flips, she turns, she stands on one foot, and flies over jumps.

It's a little scary to watch admits Chris Szwed, Laura's father, who first set her feet on the water all those years ago.

"I throw up in my mouth when I watch her!" he said with gusto in a phone interview from his Michigan home. "I'm a nervous wreck."

Her dad may be nervous from the shore, but on the water his daughter is far from it.

"I find it relaxing," Szwed said. "I thrive under pressure."

And any fear of falling she brushes off, after all "it only stings for a minute."

She's had some nasty falls; two resulted in concussions and a trip to the doctors, others may have resulted in concussions but no trip to the doctor so they don't count. The worst though, was in 2003 at the National Championship.

"I fell on the first trick," Szwed recalls. "I had jinxed myself. I'd fallen at the same place doing the same trick earlier and I psyched myself out."

Her mental block taught her something about the sport; relax.

"I always remind myself to have fun and smile, because I *am* having fun."

Chris Szwed knows to watch for the smile.

"When she was in Germany I would wake up at 1 a.m. to watch the broadcasts. I was so nervous for her," he said. "But the only thing that would make me feel better was if I saw her on the boat and she smiled. If she smiled I knew she'd be all right."

Some of the ease Szwed feels when competing she attributes to her time spent on the ice.

In addition to being a barefooter, Szwed also plays ice hockey. And she's good at that, too. In high school she was Michigan Miss Hockey and MVP three out of her four years.

At Castleton she's continued to shine. She was ranked number one on team in goals with 10 and first in points with 15. She was voted MVP for the last two seasons and was the team's captain.

"She's been a huge part of the team since I've been here," said Jen Hitchcock, the Women's Hockey Graduate Assistant Coach. "We've been moving forward and with her leadership and steady, consistent level of play, she sets a great precedent for what we want to achieve at Castleton."

As a two-sport athlete, Szwed has been asked many times, which

she likes best.

"It depends on the season," she said. "If it's hockey season I'll say hockey. If it's ski season I'd say skiing."

Comparing them is tough, she says, because one is a team sport and the other falls completely on her shoulders.

"There's more pressure in skiing; it's worse because I can't blame anyone else if I mess up. In hockey it's a team effort to fail. In skiing it's all me."

The two sports also require completely different training programs and use different muscles. During the three months of the year in the summer when she usually trains she spends about 42 hours a week on the water.

During the off seasons, she keeps in shape by spending hours at the gym, according to Ashley Filmore, one of Szwed's friends.

"For people who don't know [that she's in training] they probably think: why is the skinny girl always at the gym; get out of there," said Filmore, a senior business marketing major.

Away from her sports, Szwed is totally normal, Filmore said. She's just a normal barefooter who doesn't like to brag about her accomplishments.

"She doesn't like people to talk about it," Filmore said. "She'd rather have someone else in the spotlight; she's more interested in what other people are doing. It's not all about her."

Hitchcock agrees.

"That's just the kind of person she is. She's very proud but she doesn't want to brag," she said.

Szwed admits she doesn't like to boast.

"I don't really go around saying 'Hi, I'm Laura and I barefoot ski and I went to Worlds last year,'" she said. "I don't want to be that person."

It's not part of her standard self-introduction but it has brought many opportunities. Competing has taken her to South Africa, England, Germany, New Zealand, and Australia.

Over Spring Break she was invited to train at a ski school in Florida run by the number one and number two men's skiing champions. She has been offered a full-time position at the school in Florida to train for free. She's excited about the prospect, but it's only one option she has after graduation.

"I want to mainly work with kids who are affected by autism," said Szwed a Developmental Psychology major. "A friend of my family has a son with autism; that was how I really got interested in the subject."

As far as skiing, that will always be a part of her life.

"I'll probably be the person skiing when I'm 90 years old."

NCAA rules: no penalty for CSC

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sanctions against him as well," Tyson said. "As far as I know, [he's going to play here in the fall.] That's his plan. He is participating in the team's nontraditional season. I would hope that he would be coming back in the fall."

According to Wolk, one of the benefits of the secondary violation ruling is that neither the player's nor part-time employee's names were released by the NCAA. Wolk made sure to stress that one of the college's top priorities was to protect the player and part-time employee.

"Both of [them] were innocent in this case," Wolk said. "We wanted to make sure that we could protect their privacy because this was not their fault at all."

When asked about his feelings on the player's reinstatement, Klatt was visibly happy, mentioning that the player was unaware that the college could be penal-

ized for the co-signed loans.

"I'm excited for him that he won't feel that 10,000-pound gorilla on his shoulders anymore," Klatt said. "And because I love him just as dearly as I do all of our players, I'm just glad we can move forward."

According to the letter written by Director of Enforcement for Secondary Infractions Christopher Strobel, the player is now working to correct this situation on his end.

"[The unnamed player] returned the Sallie Mae loan of \$9,510 to the lender on February 10, 2011, and is working to rectify the first two loans by having [the part-time employee's] name removed as then endorser of the loans," the letter read.

Wolk said he's had time to talk with a lot of the players including co-captains Phil Hall and Chicoine, and he's been impressed by what he has seen and heard.

"I'm just very impressed by

the closeness of the team and their unified sense of team in approaching the future," he said. "The atmosphere is very positive and forward-thinking, just what I had hoped it would be."

Chicoine shared Wolk's thoughts about moving forward.

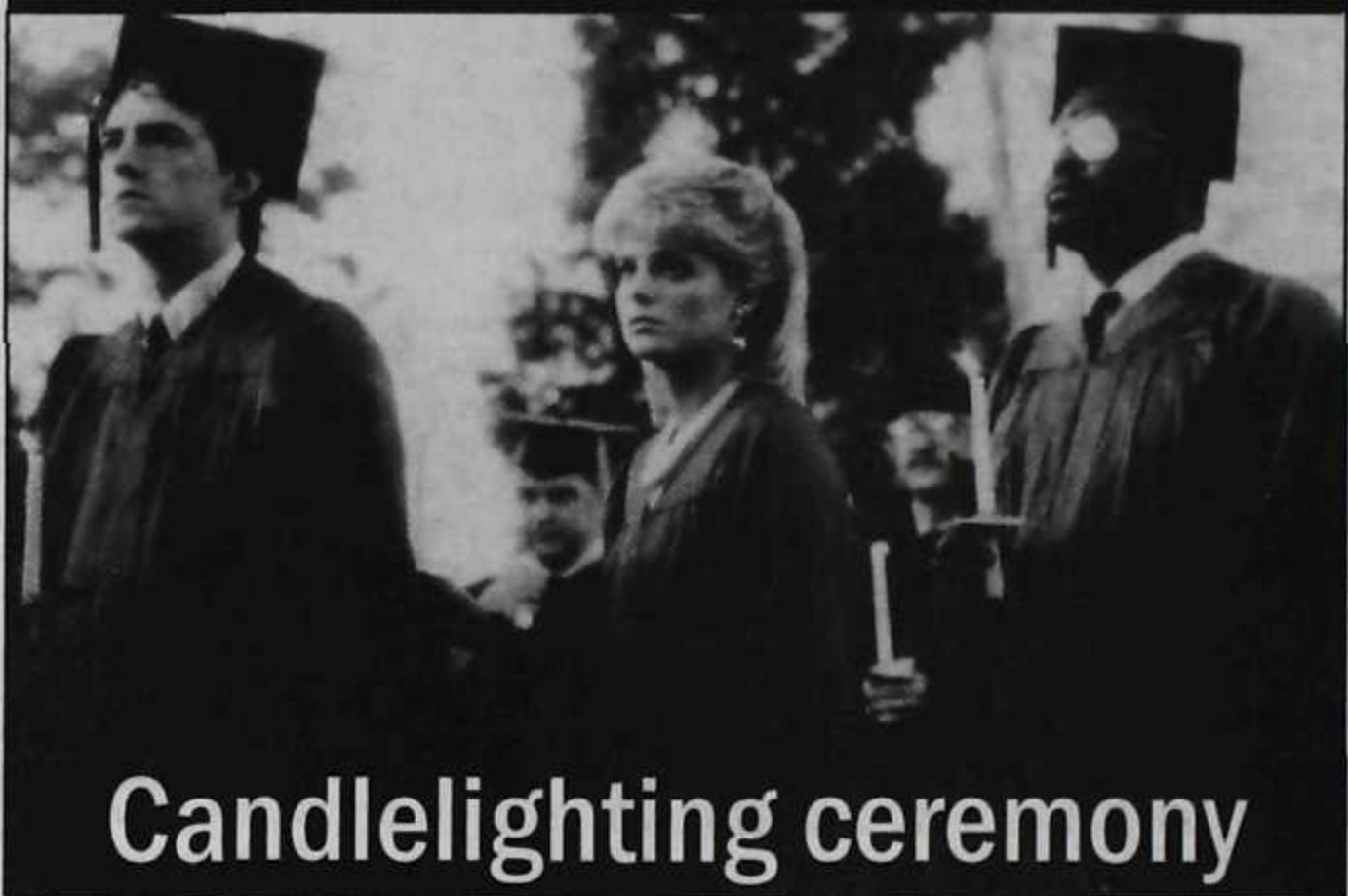
"I think we have been extremely excited for the season throughout this whole process," Chicoine said. "We are continuing to work hard with coach Al Jean and we can't wait to see what the 2011 season has in store for us."

With a sigh almost of relief, Wolk offered his final words on the subject.

"As far as I'm concerned, the NCAA has ruled and the case is closed," he said. "It's time for us to move on."

If you would like to see the NCAA's letter in its entirety, please visit this story at www.CastletonSpartan.com

GRADUATION 2011



Candlelighting ceremony

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CSC employee Chrispin White and grads from '86 take part in the ceremony.

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"We were told to hold onto our candles as freshman, to use them when you graduate," he said.

Patry said that the candlelighting was a meaningful experience for him as a student.

"It gave you a time to reflect on your accomplishments over the past four years," he said. "It gives you something to look back on and enjoy."

Although Patry sympathizes with seniors who are feeling rushed and bombarded with last minute tasks, he said that candlelighting is not something you want to push to the wayside.

"Be a part of the moment, take credit for what you've done

here," he said. "You will later on say I'm glad I did it."

Dennis Proulx, Dean of Students and 1987 graduate, said that it is important for students to understand the tradition behind candlelighting.

"The years we capture students' attention are the years we get the best response," he said.

Like Patry, Proulx said that the ceremony is not something you'll want to miss.

"It's such an important moment in time to mark the beginning and end of your career," he said. "It's 15 minutes of your time, which I think you will hold onto the rest of your life."

This year's candlelighting

will be held on the steps of Woodruff at the conclusion of commencement rehearsal on Thursday, May 12. The college encourages all graduating seniors to participate.

According to Sevigny, luminaries will be set up along the route and faculty and staff members are welcome to line up behind the luminaries, something he says is part of the old tradition.

"You can't tell people they have to be there, they just have to want to be there," he said. "Do it, experience it and try to find the meaning of it."

Grads fear unemployment in future

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that have watched me grow up because I feel like they expect so much out of me. I'm afraid that if I don't start going into the job field right away I will be disappointing them in some way," she said.

Willard went on to describe the anxiety she feels about her field.

"I feel that if I try to get a job right now in a psychology field, my chances are very slim because I would only have a B.A., and nowadays when jobs look at your resume they want to see a M.A.," she said.

According to the United States Bureau of Labor and Statistics, 2010 marked the worst annual unemployment rate for people 25 years and over with a bachelor's degree since the government began recording data in 1992.

These kinds of statistics only magnify the unease with which Castleton seniors face with their impending graduation this year. In a tough economy, many are wondering if their education is going to be enough to help them land that all-important first job.

Mykael Harrigan, a senior theater arts major, feels like the cards are stacked against

undergrads from the beginning.

"It's impossible, you spend all this time and money to get an education and then you go to apply for jobs, and you don't have the experience you need. So you have to go back to school for your masters, but by the time you get that finished, you're over-qualified and they can't afford to pay you anyway!" Harrigan said.

These anxieties aren't unique to Castleton either.

University of Vermont senior psychology major, Dan Cheney, says the pressure for students at UVM is showing as well.

"Graduation means the real world, and with the job market the way it is, that's a scary thought," Cheney said. "Most graduates can't find jobs, can't afford to live and end up having to run home to their parents. If my situation ends up like that I'd almost rather just stay in school."

According to an article on graduates returning home in the Baltimore Sun last June, Cheney is right.

"A survey of last year's college graduation class showed that 80 percent moved back home after getting their diplo-

mas, up significantly from the 63 percent in 2006."

Carruthers thinks that part of the problem is that new graduates panic right off the bat and give up on the job search far too fast.

"To find a really good job is still going to take a senior three or four months, that's just how it is, so don't panic" she said. "Go start looking for the companies that you think might have a job for you, don't put your resume on Monster and hope for something."

But Tom Walker, a CSC alum who graduated last year, has some good news and advice for graduates.

"At first it was really difficult. I would apply to a lot of nature-esque jobs every day, like five a day or so, but I saw this place called Westaff, which is a temp agency.

It puts you in places that need filling and they asked me what I wanted to do for work. I said renewable energy. Then after one or two temp jobs they asked if I wanted a job at Efficiency Vermont, I said yes and after working there temporarily for two to three months, a job opened up. I applied and got it," he said.

4 percent tuition increase

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rights, so they sort of avoided any talk about tuition," said Terry. "I did see how effective unions were and think that if we can get more education advocates and a big group of college students to turn out we can make it effective."

Terry is the first of her family to enter college and with four younger siblings planning to follow suit she worries that they too will face high tuition costs without necessary change.

Perhaps more frightening than high tuition is the lack of awareness by most students on the matter.

Mark Manjuck, a junior at Castleton, recently polled students in a roving survey for the Castleton Video magazine asking what they thought of the increase.

"Not many students were aware how much they were affected by the increase to their education," said Manjuck.

And what can be the expected impact for incoming students to the college? Though tuition continues to increase in Vermont, admissions have remained at a stable level for not only Castleton but other state schools also.

"Anywhere you go you'll face high tuition costs. That's a universal constant right now," said Dean of Enrollment Maurice Ouimet. "We try to educate students and their families as best we can so they fully understand what they will face financially and what they need to consider."

Olson stresses that students don't have to simply accept ever-increasing tuition rates.

"It's a small state, but that's our advantage as well," said Olson. "We have the opportunity to have our voices heard by those in charge and really make a difference and change things."

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Women's lax searching for first NEWLA crown

By Kristie Dunchus
Castleton Spartan

It was senior day at Spartan Stadium and it was the seniors who shined bright as the women's lacrosse team defeated Worcester State University 18-6 in New England Women's Lacrosse Alliance Conference action Saturday, April 30.

Senior Liz Haggerty scored a team-high five goals. Her fifth and final goal of the regular season marked her 100th career goal. Haggerty is only the fifth Spartan in the program's history to reach that milestone alongside her classmate Marie Van Der Kar, who made history earlier this season becoming the only player to reach 200 career goals. Senior goalie Becki Duszak, who doesn't normally start, played the entire game and had seven saves respectively.

Head coach Tammy Landon had nothing but kind words to say about her three seniors.

"I'm super proud of all three of those young ladies and the contributions they have made to this team on and off the field," Landon said.

The game started in Worcester State's favor when they scored less than a minute into the match. But the Spartans answered back when Van Der Kar scored just a minute later and was then followed up with a goal from Junior Angelica Mazzola who put the Spartans in the lead 2-1. It was smooth sailing from then, as Castleton never surrendered the lead again.

The Spartans went on a 6-0 run in just under four minutes, but Worcester's Colleen Manning answered back with her sec-

ond goal of the afternoon to put the game at 8-2. But that didn't faze Castleton as they went on another 6-1 run in the last fifteen minutes to end the first half 14-3. Haggerty scored four of her five goals in those last minutes of the first half and scored her 100th career goal with just eight seconds remaining.

The Spartans came out strong in the second half, scoring the first three goals in less than 10 minutes, pushing their lead to 17-3. Castleton held off Worcester and the Lancers never scored again for the remainder of the match as Castleton finished strong with an 18-6 victory clinching the number two seed going into the NEWLA tournament.

Van Der Kar, Sarah Clark and Angelica Mazzola each had three goals apiece, while Stephanie Paproski added two and Jessica Taplin and Amanda Flodstrom each chipped in one.

Although the game seemed like an easy victory for the Spartans, Landon couldn't stress the importance of ending the regular season on a high note.

"I really wanted us to play well going into playoffs and I think we are," she said.

Castleton will face Fitchburg state in the semifinal round. The Spartans defeated Fitchburg 14-10 earlier in the season. Landon said it was because the team shut down one of its key players and in order for the Spartans to be successful they have to repeat that process all over again.

If the Spartans are victorious on Wednesday, they will take on the number-one seeded Bridgewater State, which was their only conference loss this season. This



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Amanda Flodstrom competes for a ground ball against Worcester State.

would be the third year in a row Castleton faces Bridgewater in the finals and although Landon is hoping the third time is the charm, her focus and her team's focus is solely on Fitchburg.

"You don't get to Saturday without winning Wednesday. Fitchburg is our number one priority. You have to take one prior-

ity at a time," Landon said.

Castleton ends the regular season 11-4 and 6-1 in conference play while Worcester ended their season 2-10, 1-6. The Spartans will return to action Wednesday May 4 where they will take on the Falcons of Fitchburg State for the NEWLA Semifinals.

Husson ousts Spartans



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Castleton pitcher Dakota Aker throws a pitch earlier this season.

By Shawn Medeiros
Castleton Spartan

On its schedule, Castleton is set to host the North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) Championship on Saturday, May 7 and Sunday, May 8. Unfortunately, the Spartans will have to watch Husson University and Penn State Berks from the bleachers as both squads will play for an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Tournament and the right to be called NEAC champions this weekend.

The Eagles won their way into the NEAC Championship, dispatching Castleton twice in the double-elimination tournament with a 10-4 win on Saturday, April 30 and a 3-1 victory on Sunday, May 1. Husson also won its opening round game against the University of Maine-Farmington, 9-3, on Saturday.

The Spartans took two games from Thomas College, 4-1 and 4-3, in the opening rounds of the double-elimination format to square off against Husson in the NEAC East Division Championship before falling to the Eagles.

"We had some tough losses at Husson," said Castleton head coach Ted Shipley. "We didn't play as well as we would have liked to. It will be weird to have the championship game at our field and not be in it."

Shipley added to his post game comments.

"We knew the situation ahead of time and gave it our best shot. A couple of breaks and things could have been different for sure," said Shipley. "All [of the] games were close, even the 10-4 game was 5-4 going into the eighth."

Castleton's season came to a close in terms of having a chance to play in the NCAA Division III Tournament, but the Spartans have a doubleheader remaining on its schedule against SUNY-Canton on Thursday.

The twinbill will give Shipley a chance to project into the future. A future that looks bright considering Castleton made it to the NCAA's last season while this spring the Spartans were selected in a preseason coaches poll to win the NEAC East, falling just short.

"We will use one of those games to see into the future," said Shipley about the doubleheader against SUNY-Canton. "Overall, we had another solid season. We had a lot of new guys and following last year's team wasn't going to be easy."

"This year's squad tied for first in the conference, got to the championship game of the conference tournament and won 20 games," said Shipley. "We always have high expectations, so it feels like we didn't do as well, but with all the injuries we had and all the new guys we had, it was a good year."



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY ENNIS DULING

Softball players gather around Coach John Werner before a recent game.

Three seasons and three goals accomplished for Werner, softball

By Hannah Messer
Castleton Spartan

Emotions ran high last week, when coach John Werner announced his resignation as head coach to the Spartans softball team, after three years of service.

"I am sad and disappointed that he is leaving, but we all understand his reasoning," sophomore pitcher Taylor Lively said.

Junior Hannah Greene was also disappointed in the news of Werner.

"It really sucks going into your senior year knowing your coach that you've had all three years of college isn't going to be there," Greene said.

Werner is currently the Castleton men's soccer head coach, and is remaining at that position.

"It's very difficult to coach two sports. You have to recruit players for both teams and it makes it a lot to handle," Werner said.

When he originally was asked to be the softball coach, Werner knew he would only be coach for three years. During those years, he wanted to accomplish three major goals. The first, to recruit good players.

"Recruiting good players is really what makes a team come together," Werner said.

The second goal was to establish a Southern trip for the team, which he accomplished. Last year, the team traveled to Florida for several games, and this year it went to Virginia for a tournament.

"Coach Werner made it very easy to feel like a part of this team... He will truly be missed."
-Mercedes Maltbie

His last goal was to turn the softball program into a positive program that people want to be a part of.

"In my three years of coaching, I feel I have accomplished all my goals. I knew I was only going to do three years, I'm just glad I got every done that I felt was needed to be done," said Werner. "I have gone as far as I can."

He currently has one grandson who lives in England and wishes to be able to travel more to see him.

However, Werner wanted the girls to know he cared about them.

"I made sure the girls knew that I was only changing my role of being their head coach to being their biggest fan," said Werner. "I am going to miss my 18 daughters, they're all just great kids."

And his team knew exactly that.

"We know he will still be there to support us like he has the past," Lively said.

"When I transferred here last winter, I started right when softball pre-season had started. Coach Werner made it very easy to feel like a part of this team," said



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Coach Werner talks with Caylee Fleury before she steps up to bat.

Tennis wins sixth-straight NAC-East Championship

the regular season.

Castleton, who was the top seed in the tournament, advanced to the finals after defeating Thomas College 9-0, which was quite an accomplishment for the team according to Senior Justin Garritt.

"To beat Thomas 9-0, when we only beat them 5-4 during the regular year felt so good," Garritt said.

Head Coach Bruce Moreton agrees with Garritt and said during the season the team was missing a player and Thomas almost completed the upset over the Spartans.

After defeating Thomas, Castleton would then take on second-seeded Johnson State who knocked off third-seeded Lyndon State in the previous match.

The Badgers started off strong winning first doubles 8-4. But the Spartans came back stronger after seniors' Garritt and Eric Slosek won second doubles 8-2 and Adam McCaffery and Greg Klopfer securing third doubles 8-2 giving the Spartans a 2-1 advantage in doubles action.

In singles action the Spartans lost their first match, but then went on to sweep the rest of the competition.

Kevin Eisenberg, who was also awarded with the tournament Most Valuable Player Award, won second singles with scores of 6-4 and 6-0.

Calvin Henry won third singles, Willie Levine fourth singles, Klopfer fifth and McCaffery finishing strong at sixth singles.

The Spartans have not lost a conference game in six years and Garritt said that put a lot of pressure on the team to do well.

"Today was the best I have seen the team play all year. The guys stepped up and did not let the pressure get in the way of what we knew we had to do," Garritt said.

Moreton said that pressure is part of being a tennis player here at Castleton. With the team's success over the years the Spartans have created a bull's eye on their backs for every team in their conference.

"Our players have had to work harder each year because the other teams in the conference would like nothing better than to end that winning streak," Moreton

said. "We'll continue to focus on having fun, trying to improve, and keeping the winning tradition alive."

"We have no idea what to expect from Penn State-Harrisburg. We have never played them or any other team in their conference. I do expect them to be very good," Garritt said of their next opponent.

Moreton said this is the second time the team has played on these courts in Albany so the the team should be familiar with them.

He added that the team accomplished what they were looking for this season and no matter what the outcome of their upcoming match that they still have a lot to be proud of.

"Since the winner cannot advance to nationals this year, we are looking at the match as a reward for the season," Moreton said.

To determine the NAC championship the Spartans will take on the NAC West Division Champion Penn State-Harrisburg on Saturday May 7 at Tri-City Fitness in Albany, NY.



PHOTO BY EMMA RUDNICK/CASTLETON SPARTAN
Eric Slosek serves up a ball in doubles action with teammate Justin Garritt.

By Kristie Dunchus
Castleton Spartan

Six-straight seasons in a row and the men's tennis team still remains perfect. The Spartans defeated Johnson State College 7-2 on Saturday April 30 in the finals of the North Atlantic Conference East Division Men's Tennis Championship.

This is the sixth year in a row that the Spartans have secured the title of champions and the sixth-straight season they have gone undefeated in conference play during



PHOTO BY EMMA RUDNICK/CASTLETON SPARTAN
Kevin Eisenberg (left) looks to return a volley against Johnson State on Saturday.

Lax prepares to defend first NAC title



PHOTO BY EMMA RUDNICK/CASTLETON SPARTAN
Midfielder Craig MacDerment moves the ball up field against Maine-Farmington on April 17.

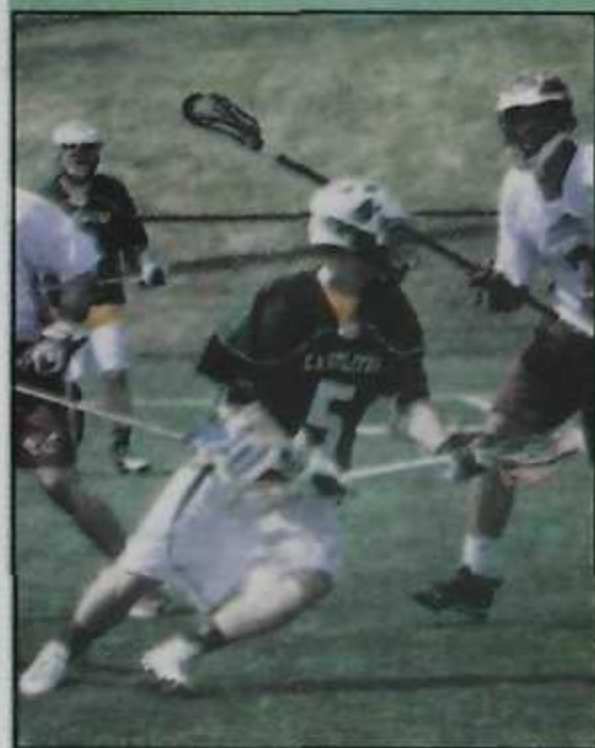


PHOTO BY EMMA RUDNICK/SPARTAN
A.J. Groot corals a loose ball.

By Mike DelDotto
Castleton Spartan

For the first time since joining the North Atlantic Conference, the men's lacrosse team will have a target on its back going into tournament play. The Spartans will try to defend their 2010 conference title starting today.

"We're going to approach [the tournament] like any other games," said junior attackman Sam Bailey. "We can't worry about what any other [teams] are doing. We have to focus on ourselves and play with confidence."

Castleton had played Mount Ida College in the seven previous conference-title matchups, winning just once. The Mustangs left after the end of the 2010

season to join the weaker Great Northeast Athletic Conference.

The road back to the tournament for an eighth-consecutive year was a grueling 16 game schedule of the toughest competition the program has faced.

The Spartans had close battles with powers like Colby College and Kean University, losing those games 9-8 and 8-5 respectively.

Castleton also hosted then 12th-ranked Rensselaer, which gave the unready Spartans a taste of how things are in the Top 25 with a 16-2 shellacking.

"I feel like one of our major goals was to defeat out-of-conference opponents but even though we didn't beat [some], we did really well," redshirt freshman midfielder Phil Patterson said. "Next year

we'll definitely have some upsets."

Head coach Brian Kingsbury said that the team played better against out-of-conference opponents than it had the previous season. The Spartans lost to Kean 18-1 a season ago in Elizabeth, N.J.

"We had some downfalls this year, but we responded pretty well," Kingsbury said.

Castleton finished 10-6 for the season and a perfect 7-0 in the NAC including a 14-0 shutout of the University of Maine-Farmington. The top-seeded Spartans will have home-field advantage throughout the tournament.

"We definitely just gotta come in and play confident and know that we are the best team in the NAC," Patterson said. "We already beat the teams [this season] and when we play them again we'll be at the top of our game so it'll be a smoke-show."

Bailey agreed.

"The best lacrosse is played in May," he said.

Castleton will host Thomas College later today. The Terriers ousted the Beavers of Maine-Farmington on Saturday, April 30, 14-3.

"Thomas won big against Maine-Farmington. They're going to be ready to play," said Kingsbury, who also said the tournament is a whole new season for the Spartans.

"We have to work on ourselves and get in our own mindset," Kingsbury reiterated.

In the season finale, the Spartans traveled to SUNY-Cobleskill and ended with a 13-9 win against the non-conference foe.

Junior attackman Brian McCarthy paced the spartan offense with a hat trick and an assist, while fellow attackman Nohea King had two goals and two helpers. Alex Green (one assist), A.J. Groot, and Patterson each ripped two goals, and Bailey and Derek Riley scored once.

Junior co-captain and goalie, Dave DeGhetto made 11 stops.

The Spartans launched 54 shots on Tigers goalie Tom Knezick and won the battle for ground balls 49-38.

Softball bows out of North Atlantic Conference tournament early

By Hannah Messer
Castleton Spartan

Coach Werner's last season with the Spartans came to a quick halt in the quarterfinal round of the North Atlantic Conference tournament on Tuesday, when they fell to the University of Maine-Farmington 3-1.

It was a tight game, tied at zero until the fourth inning when Castleton freshman Tori Fearon, hit a double, and eventually made it home on a Sarah Flore sacrifice fly to left field.

Fearon led the conference in batting average with .474 clip, batted in 22 runs and hit one home run in the 2011 season.

It wasn't until the sixth inning that the Beavers stole the lead, when Lily Barry and McKell Barnes hit back-to-back home runs.

Later that inning, Shannon Mitchell hit a double to bring home Kaitlyn Bartlett giving the Beavers the 3-1 victory lead.

"We just weren't hitting against their pitcher," said Werner. "It was a really tight game up until that one inning."

Pitching for the Spartans was Liveley, was handed the loss on seven innings pitched, three runs (all earned), no walks and nine strikeouts.

The Beavers moved onto the NAC semifinals against Husson and lost 4-3 on Friday.

The tight game brought the Spartans season to an unexpected end. However, Werner thought this season went well, despite the disappointing ending.

"Our team was a young team," says Werner. "With one more year of experience, I think these girls will be right

where they need to be."

This past season the Spartans had only four seniors and two juniors. According to Werner, the team was sophomore dominated, with the two main pitchers, the second baseman, shortstop, and left fielder all sophomores, and the right fielder, a freshman.

"The little bit of inexperience really hurt," said Werner. "The team was great, it was a group of girls who cared about each other. It was so obvious whenever you were around them."